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BACK IN CANTON.

GEN. LI ARRIVES FROM HONG KONG.

NO OPPOSITION.

Action Wanted Against The Papersides.

NUMBER OF LABOUR UNIONS "REORGANISING" FORCES.

Magnified by interested parties into "extensive campaigns," the "war" in the East River basin has up till now been limited to a brush between advance scouts and stragglers, and a skirmish between rival outposts which came into contact up-country.

General Li Chai-sum is now back in Canton, where his supporters have returned to power. No trouble has occurred, and no opposition is in sight at the moment. The only cloud on the political horizon is the agitation by a section of the ruling faction that action be taken against General Li Fook-lum's "Papersides" in Honam.

MODERATE POLICY FORECAST.

Accompanied by a formidable posse of officers from the Criminal Investigation Department, General Li Chai-sum embarked on the s.s. "Fatshan" and sailed from Hong Kong last night, arriving at Canton this morning.

He was received with due pomp and immediately motored away for a conference with his colleague, General Wong Shiu-hung, and his leading subordinates.

Yesterday, General Li Chai-sum was the guest of Mr. Kong Yee-suen, a well-known merchant, at his house in Robinson Road. Introduced by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, General Li paid a call on H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) at Government House where he stayed over an hour.

Labour Unions Report? General Li's staff also left on the "Fatshan," but other distinguished personalities, who are referred to elsewhere, did not go with him.

The return to power having been paved for him by his supporters and his army, it is confidently predicted that General Li Chai-sum will be able to follow the "moderate" policy which he laid down before. To ward off action against them by the Canton Government, a number of labour unions are "reorganising" immediately.

MORE CONFIDENCE.

"Scare" Reports of War Not Credited.

Merchants are regaining confidence daily as the bank notes issued by the Central Bank (of the Government) are appreciating in value.

"Scare" reports of fighting along the East River are not credited in Canton.

The only place where the returning Kwangsi faction came into contact with the departing Ironsides was at Shekian, about 35 miles east of Canton.

Small units of Kwangsi troops were going out along the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) to take over guard duty and these ran into large bodies of Ironsides' stragglers who drove back the Kwangsi men.

The "Other Action" As the Ironsides had to push on to Weichow, further east (i.e., away from Canton), there was no further fighting, and the Kwangsi army is now in contact to beyond Shekian which is 40 miles east of Canton.

In the hinterland of Kiang Bay, it is reported that some of the Ironsides' outposts were engaged in a skirmish with the might column of a pro-Kwangsi faction force which marched westward from Swatow.

News from Swatow, however, is that Canton's leading men taken by colleagues, there is no need to exert further pressure on the Ironsides' encampment along the East River.

STOWAWAY'S TEARS.

Didn't Want To Come To Hong Kong.

A RUSSIAN FLIGHT.

Lad's Fourth Unlucky Visit To The Colony.

A Russian named Michael Ivanoff was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with stowing away from Shanghai on the s.s. "President McKinley," and with coming to Hong Kong after he had been deported from the Colony for one year.

The accused pleaded "guilty" to the first charge, but with regard to the other said that he did not land in Hong Kong willingly. He was forced to come ashore by the police. He explained that he had stowed away in Shanghai with the intention of going to Manila.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, admitted that the accused had made the same statement to the police when he was brought ashore.

In a Life Boat.

Asked where the accused was found on board the ship, the Inspector said that he was discovered hiding in a lifeboat when the "President McKinley" was one day out of Hong Kong on the way to Manila. The accused did not attempt to land all the time the ship was in port.

The Magistrate remarked that in the circumstances the second charge was a trivial one.

The Inspector agreed, and said that actually it was not the accused's intention to land here.

Sub-Inspector Vincent in charge of Police Records, submitted that in any case the accused was liable, as before boarding the ship he should have made inquiries as to its destination and whether it was coming to Hong Kong first.

Sub-Inspector Elston told the Magistrate that in one case out of a thousand a stowaway managed to get through without being found out by the police here, and the accused should have known that the chances were at least ten to one against him. It was easier, he said, to stowaway in Shanghai where precautions were not taken of searching the lifeboats, but ships leaving Hong Kong, on account of the strict regulations in Manila, invariably searched the lifeboats for contraband. It was in the course of such a search that the accused was found out.

Replying to the Magistrate, the accused said that he knew the ship was coming to Hong Kong first. Mr. Lindsell: So that you were willing to take the chance of being discovered?—I had no intention of landing here, and was sure that I would not be discovered.

In Tears.

Asked for the accused's record, Inspector Elston said that he stowed away to Hong Kong from Shanghai in January last year and was sent to the House of Detention as a vagrant. Subsequently he was sent to Macao, where he wanted to go. In February the accused again stowed away to Hong Kong, this time from Swatow and received one month's jail after which he was sent away. He again came here, having walked all the way from Swatow. He was sent to the House of Detention, and on August 11 last was deported for one year.

For stowing away the accused was fined \$100 or six weeks' and for returning to the Colony after he had been deported, the accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The accused, whose age was given as 17, was led out of Court in tears.

PRINCESS MARY.

WISH TO DEPT IN THE SPHERE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The "Evening Standard" learns that Princess Mary and Viscountess Lascelles will visit Egypt in the Spring. Plans for the visit and its duration are not yet in their final stage, but an announcement will be made as soon as possible.—British Wireless Service.

GIRL SWIMMER.

CAVES UP, GIBRALTAR SURVIVOR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

After being in water for eight hours and 20 minutes Miss Hudson last night gave up her attempt to swim across the Straits of Gibraltar. She was then 4 1/2 miles from the Spanish coast.—British Wireless Service.

CHINA'S LEADERS.

Distinguished Gathering In Colony.

NANKOW PASS HERO.

Intention To Crush Reds In the South.

Several persons who are distinguished in Chinese politics and public affairs were in Hong Kong yesterday, the number being much larger than at any other time in the Colony's history except immediately after the Revolution in 1911.

Attracting most interest was General Li Chai-sum, who returned to Canton to resume charge of the administration, there, and is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

General Ngai Bong-ming (retired), whose daughter was married yesterday, has lived here for some time. He was Police Commissioner in Canton for several years.

A distinguished warrior is General Li Ching-in, the right-hand man of Marshal Feng, Yu-hsiang.

CHIANG GOES TO NANKING.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Chiang Kai-shek and several members of the Central Executive Committee left for Nanking this morning.—Reuters.

(commander-in-chief of Kuomintang), who is best known as the "Christian General," arrived here on the "Andrea Leon" from Shanghai. As a leading member of the Nationalist Party, he is "friendly" with Li Chai-sum, but they separated after arrival here.

Hero of Nankow Pass. The hero of the Nankow Pass, who is a devotee of the Peking Government. Recently, he directed the "Christian General's" armies against the Peking forces and again fought with signal success. Interviewed by the "Wah Taz Yat Po," he said that his policy was "firstly to crush the Reds in the South and then the militarists in the North," whatever that may mean.

Dispensing Hospitality. By a coincidence, there is a third General whose surname is "Li." This is Li Fook-lum, who has for years ruled that part of Canton city on the south side of the River known as Honam. He has been down here a few days, not as a refugee, but as a temporary exile.

FRESH AND FAIR.

North winds, fresh, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone has spread southward. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea.

because of the return of Li Chai-sum's faction against which he sided. According to a vernacular paper, he has been dispensing hospitality with a lavish hand at the house of General Ngai Bong-ming at Tai-po, New Territories.

A Premier And a Minister. An arrival by the M.M. "Andre Leon" was Dr. Wang Chung-hui, D.C.L., the Chinese Minister of Justice. He is going to The Hague to sit at an extraordinary session of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Mr. Hsu Hsi-ying, a former Premier of the Northern Government, has been here about a month, having retired from politics.

U.S. Naval Relief. Manila, To-day.

The 45th (U.S.A.) Destroyer Division has left for China to relieve the 48th Division, which has been patrolling the Yangtze since October last.—Reuters.

GOOD FOR GERMANS.

PIPE LINES FOR RUSSIAN OIL FIELD.

Amsterdam, Yesterday. The German Pipe Syndicate has contracted for the delivery of 50,000 tons of pipes for the construction of pipe lines in the Russian oil fields in the Caucasus.—Reuters.

COMING HERE.

Empress Liner's World Tour.

"THE DREAM SHIP."

"Australia" Arrives in Hong Kong With Trippers on February 10.

The "Empress of Australia" on her fifth round-the-world cruise, will arrive in Hong Kong on February 10 and stay here until February 13, on which date she will sail for Shanghai. The three days' rest will enable the sightseers thoroughly to tour the Colony and the New Territories and also make trips to Macao and Canton.

This splendidly equipped Canadian Pacific liner is now on her way to Bombay, having left Suez on January 1. She will reach Bombay on January 10 and stay until the 17. After calling here and at Shanghai, the tourists will be taken to Chingwah, Yokohama and Honolulu and then back to the United States.

World Girdlers. Aboard the vessel are 325 world-girdlers who sailed from New York on her early in December. Others may join en route.

Contrary to the usual custom, the "Empress of Australia" will not berth at Pootung after leaving here but will go all the way up the river to Shanghai and will dock here for the convenience of passengers, thus affording them several hours more in which to enjoy the sights of Shanghai.

The vessel will remain in Shanghai more than 24 hours, during which special sightseeing and shopping trips have been arranged for passengers. It is also expected that a number of passengers will board the vessel there on its continuation of the trip around the world.

The "Empress of Australia" is a 21,350-ton ship with a displacement of 32,000 tons and is often referred to as the "dream ship" of cruises. She is 615 feet long and has a breadth of 75 feet. The staterooms and public rooms are very spacious and handsomely furnished there being a home-like touch throughout the entire ship that meets with the approval of the most exacting passenger.

Equipped Like Hotel. Staterooms boast hot and cold running water, electric lights and fanning, beds instead of berths, mirrors, wardrobes and all the comforts of a first-class metropolitan hotel.

The Commander of the ship is Capt. R. G. Latta, and the staff captain is C. H. Sapsworth. Other officers are Mr. H. A. Moore, Chief Officer; Mr. H. Teare, Chief Engineer; Mr. P. C. Owen Stanton, Purser; Mr. S. B. Jones, Surgeon; Dr. Murdoch MacGregor, Assistant Surgeon; and Mr. F. C. Hesler, Chief Steward.

Ports of call include Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Hainan, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Beppu, Kobe, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal, Havana and New York.

AIR RECORD.

CREDITED TO LIEUTENANT WEBSTER.

OFFICIAL INTIMATION.

London, Yesterday. The International Aeronautic Federation has cabled the Royal Aero Club officially crediting Lieut. Webster, the Schneider Trophy winner, with the world's speed record for seaplanes over 100 kilometres, namely 456,222 kilometres an hour.—Reuters.

RIVER COLLISION.

A Marine Court of inquiry comprising Commander G. F. Hole (President), Lieut. Comdr. Elbow (H.M.S. "Titanic"), Captain E. W. Walker (s.s. "Kwongtung"), Captain A. Campbell (s.s. "Sai On") and Captain J. Milne (s.s. "Kwangchow") opened an inquiry at the Harbour Office this morning into a collision which took place last week on the West River between the s.s. "Kwang Fook Cheong" and the s.s. "On Lee." The inquiry is proceeding.

70-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 7/16.

PLATINUM FIND.

40 Square Miles In Sierra Leone.

CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

Invitation By The Government To Miners.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Colonial Office announces that "platinum has been discovered in Sierra Leone." It was first found in May, 1926, by the Director of Geological Survey, Major Junner, and a recent investigation by him indicates that the platinum bearing area is about 40 square miles in extent and that the deposits, which are alluvial, are likely to be of considerable importance.

One nugget of platinum, weighing 7.4 grammes, or 4 1/2 dwts., was found by Major Junner. This nugget and some of the smaller grains of platinum have been presented to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

An analysis of the platinum made by the Imperial Institute shows that it compares very favourably in composition with the platinum from the Urals and South Africa.

The platinum in Sierra Leone is associated with basic igneous rocks resembling those of the Bushveld igneous complex of South Africa, in which important deposits of platinum metals have been found.

Detailed information regarding the locality of the platinum discovered will be given to any firm or persons who can satisfy the Sierra Leone Government regarding their financial standing and their bona-fide intention and capacity to undertake mining operations in the event of these being likely to prove profitable. The Sierra Leone Government, however, reserves the power to limit the number of prospecting rights issued in respect of this locality.—British Wireless Service.

STUDENT CHARGED.

SEQUEL TO DEATH OF A COMRADE.

DATE OF HEARING.

Lo Chi-hing who is charged with the alleged manslaughter of Ho Kwong-lu was again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when hearing of the case was fixed for 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday next. Bail in the sum of \$1,000 cash was extended.

It will be remembered that the accused, the dead lad, Ho, and several other youths gathered on Christmas night in the Club room of the South China Athletic Association in China Building. Some horse-play followed in the course of which Lo was alleged to have struck Ho a blow in the temple. Ho became dazed, but subsequently recovered and went home. At 1 a.m., on the following day his condition became very serious and he was removed to the hospital, where he died at 8.30 a.m. Death was stated to have been due to the bursting of a blood vessel.

"DOG KING" BUSY.

ANIMALS ABROAD WITHOUT MUZZLES.

EUROPEANS FINED.

Mrs. C. J. Cooke of No. 9, The Peak appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to answer a summons charging that at 11 a.m. on December 25, her black and white terrier dog was allowed to be at large on the Peak Road without a muzzle and not on a lead.

She said that the charge was correct.

Mr. Lindsell asked if any explanation could be offered, and Mrs. Cooke replied: "I presume. It was just allowed out."

A fine of \$5 was imposed. C. Onslow was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence, and for allowing it to be at large without a muzzle or lead in Connaught Road Central on December 29. He admitted both charges, and asked that he intended taking out a licence for the dog after the proceedings.

The Magistrate imposed fines of \$5 on each charge.

The summons in each instance was brought by Sergeant Kelly who is known amongst the Chinese as "kau-wong" ("dog king").

LADY CLEMENTI.

Lady Clementi is still indisposed and, under medical advice, was yesterday removed to the Peak Hospital.

SNAKE THRILL.

Adventure on "Red Rose."

LADY'S FLUCK.

Reptile Battered To Death In The Air.

Rugby, Yesterday. The "Red Rose" had an exciting adventure with a snake in mid-air shortly after leaving Rangoon yesterday.

A brown snake, appeared beneath Mrs. Keith Miller's seat. Captain Lancaster tried to kill it by stamping on it, but missed, and the snake wriggled further into the cockpit.

Mrs. Miller, who was quite calm, took out the control lever and killed the reptile with it. The machine landed on the beach at Maungmagan, where the night was spent.—Reuters.

Where It Entered. Rugby, Yesterday.

Mrs. Keith Miller, who is flying to Australia with Captain Lancaster, has had an extraordinary adventure with a snake. On the way from Rangoon to Tavoy, where the aeroplane has now arrived, Captain Lancaster noticed a snake in his cockpit. He was unable to leave the control. The snake glided into Mrs. Miller's cockpit behind the pilot.

Mrs. Miller, after a struggle, succeeded in battering the snake to death.

It is believed that the reptile entered the machine whilst the latter stood on the Rangoon race-course.—British Wireless Service.

GUN ELEVATION.

A RUMOUR DEFINITELY DISPOSED OF.

U.S. REPUDIATION.

Rugby, Yesterday. Satisfaction is expressed in official quarters in London at the "communiqué" issued by the United States Government repudiating the report that the British Government had raised the elevation of the guns of British battleships after the conclusion of the Washington Treaty.

It is hoped this will definitely dispose of the rumour which has been revived on various occasions within the last few years, and which has had an unfavourable reaction on British-American relations.—British Wireless Service.

CURZON MEMORIAL.

COMMISSION FOR SIR B. MACKENNA.

FULL LENGTH STATUE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The commission for a memorial to the late Marquis Curzon, former Foreign Secretary, has been given to Sir Bertram Mackennal, who has been responsible for much public work, including a number of statues of Queen Victoria and King Edward.

The intention is to erect a full length statue of the distinguished statesman in Carlton House Terrace, where he long resided, and also place a plaque in Westminster Abbey.—British Wireless Service.

TRADE PEACE.

FIRST JOINT CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK.

PROPOSALS BEING DRAFTED.

Rugby, Yesterday. The first joint conference between the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and a group of employers to obtain peace in industry has been fixed for January 12. The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has already appointed a sub-committee to discuss and draft proposals to be submitted to the conference.—British Wireless Service.

WAR EXPENDITURE.

CHEQUE FROM ISLAND OF JERSEY.

A WELCOME DONATION.

Rugby, Yesterday. The administration of the Island of Jersey has forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer a cheque for \$300,000 as a contribution to war expenditure.—British Wireless Service.

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Hobson, Military Hospital (2), from South Farnborough.

Helen and Russell Thrig, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Stanely Johnston, Chez Naval Dockyard, from Benenden.

Lupar, from Kuching.

Marian, from Seattle.

Friskley, Sassopas, from Shanghai.

Staple, from Boulogne-Sur-Mer.

Harold Sutherland, Hong Kong Hotel, from San Francisco.

Williams, 8 Queen's Street, Building, from London.

E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, December 30, 1927.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—Cappos, from Tientsin.

Dorpmos, from Tientsin.

Nagasaki, from Nagasaki.

Soignard, from Shanghai.

Duracher Sirdar, from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1927.

NOTICES.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING. 21st January, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING to be held on January 21st, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, The Polo Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close before noon SATURDAY, 7th January, 1928.

NOTICE.

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Hong Kong, December 20th, 1927.

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POSITION IN CHINA.

POSSIBILITY OF NORTH AND SOUTH COMING TO TERMS.

A MATTER FOR BARGAINING.

London, Nov. 17.

Mr. H. H. Fox, the Commercial Counsellor at the British Legation, Peking, on Tuesday, November 15, attended a special meeting of the Far Eastern Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, to answer questions which any member might like to address to him on Chinese trade. Mr. Fox was in the chair, and, in a few introductory remarks, expressed the view that it was desirable the status of Treaty Ports, where much greater interests were involved than at Hankow, should not be materially altered, unless the Chinese authorities could provide an administration capable of guaranteeing security to life and property.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Fox stated that, in moving up and down Great Britain since he arrived, he had been very much struck with the amount of business done with China at the present time, although Manchester, of course, had its own special difficulties. It was gratifying to him to see that this was the case. It meant that even the wretched civil war now existing could not entirely check trade, and he felt that, when this ended, there would be a great commercial revival.

He had noticed that "The Times" had published an article that day, stating that there had been no change in the Chinese situation. He did not quite agree with that view. The merchants and educated classes in China were getting really very tired of military domination, and, as far as they could, they were going to close their purse-strings. It was, though, very difficult for them to do so in view of the pressure brought to bear on them. Some of the leaders of the Nationalist Party, moreover, were beginning to realize that they were never going to unify China by fighting one another. There was, in his opinion, a chance of the two parties settling down, side by side, one in the North, and one in the South, and, in that case, fighting would cease, and trade would have a chance. He saw no sign, for a long time to come, of any effective central unified Government.

Where the Parties Differ.

In connection with the abrogation of treaties by the Peking Government, it was essential to remember that, although the Chinese were ready to fight each other, against the foreigner they always stuck together. Possibly the Northerners were more reasonably inclined and disposed to work by negotiation, whereas the Southerners were disposed to listen to extremists and to use the weapon of mob violence. The Peking Government, for instance, had denounced the treaties with Belgium and Spain and they had done so with the approval of all the Chinese, whether of the North or of the South. The British had to ask themselves whether it was desirable for them to stand by quietly and do nothing until they could get a Government representing the whole of China.

He, himself, thought that the time must come to consider whether it was altogether safe to allow even one Government in China to make a new treaty, and to set up precedents which might be awkward for us later on, both in respect of tariffs and the right to trade in the interior. He did not wish to touch on the question of extra-territoriality. It might, indeed, in his opinion, be advisable to make the best bargain they could with any available Government, and he did not think that any bargain would be substantially repudiated by another.

Tuchuns' Dwindling Resources.

In replying to further questions, Mr. Fox stated that he thought the resources of the Tuchuns steadily were decreasing. Arms and ammunition were, for the most part, made in Chinese arsenals, of which they possessed several. About the only foreign country from which the Chinese had not obtained arms was Great Britain. The Soviet Government, of course, had supplied them in large quantities, but were now stopping the practice. British organisation for trade in China was quite good, but he thought there was a need among many British manufacturers to know something more about the country to which they were sending the goods ordered from them by Chinese. He

found in Birmingham that quite a number of firms were doing business direct with Chinese who were paying cash. However, sometimes it was the case that the earlier smaller orders were paid with cash, and the later larger orders by bills which were not met.

It was his view that trade would be more and more driven into the Treaty Ports, as all the Chinese seemed determined to control their own internal trade. The Nationalist Government largely was carried on upon the Soviet basis of government by commission, though always with a military dictatorship in the background, both in the North and in the South. Public opinion in China was rather an artificial product; it could be effectively exercised against the foreigner, but it dare not show itself against any military leaders. He did not favour British propaganda in China, unless on a colossal scale, such as the Soviet Government had adopted, and he thought that, in any case, it would be too expensive. He preferred that the Chinese should realise that we were fair-dealing people.

Too Much Westernisation.

Mr. Fox paid a very high tribute to missionary work, but thought that perhaps mission schools had progressed rather too rapidly in the direction of westernising their pupils. Of course, he was in favour of retaining the Treaty Ports, even if they did not have concessions, and, although they might not agree with him, he suggested that we should give effect to the agreement at Tientsin. This agreement was very fair, and he would like to see it simultaneously approved, while, at the same time, we could temporarily re-occupy Hankow, where chaos existed. By so doing, we should convince the Chinese that our attitude in respect of the concessions was quite reasonable, but he held the view that the two actions should go together.

Mr. Fox was warmly thanked for his guidance, and, on the consideration of a letter from the British Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, dealing with the impossibility of translating into Chinese technical specifications required to give effect to the proposed patent law, the Chamber decided to communicate with the Foreign Office, urging that representations should be made to Peking to accept the English specifications as adequate.

Mr. E. M. Gull's Views.

Lord Gainsford presided at the meeting of the executive committee of the Federation of British Industries, held at Prince's Restaurant on November 9. He introduced Mr. E. M. Gull, secretary of the China Committee, upon which the Federation is represented, together with other important commercial bodies, who had attended in order to address the members on the present situation in China. Mr. Gull stated that, as a result of twenty years' experience in China, he had come to the conclusion that there was no likelihood of any improvement in the situation in the near future. It was, therefore, necessary for organisations such as the F.B.I. to watch the position, lest traders should lose those safeguards which were essential for the protection of British export trade to China.

The keenest desire among the Chinese was for the control of revenue. One of the chief items of revenue came from the Maritime Customs and from the great trade centres on the coast which were under foreign control. He thought this desire could be met without liquidating the treaty position, but in his opinion the British Government was moving in the direction of liquidation. The China Committee, therefore, had decided to urge the Government not to continue their present policy or to transfer the concessions to Chinese control, but rather to offer the Chinese only such opportunities of constructive action as were offered by the new courts, though they could largely increase their interest in the Customs revenue, even giving the tariff autonomy and permitting the taxation of foreign residents.

On Lord Gainsford's proposal, the meeting expressed their thanks to Mr. Gull and decided that the Federation's representatives on the China Committee should continue to support the policy of that committee.

DARING BURGLARY.

THIEF FOUND IN PRINCESS'S BEDROOM.

The "Bangkok Times" of December 12 says:—A burglar forced his way into the bedroom of H.S.H. Princess Subhangbhaktra, at her residence in Samsen, early on Friday morning.

The mother of the Princess, who was indisposed and in the same room, heard a noise and switched on the light to find in the room a thief garbed in black with his face covered and holding a long knife in his hand.

She was startled and, through fright, could not raise an alarm. The burglar then coolly proceeded to switch off the light. He next tried to force the safe, but finding this impossible, collected valuables lying around in the room.

After leaving the house he encountered a watchman who gave chase and raised a hue and cry. A policeman was attracted by the noise and also took up the chase. Eventually they succeeded in capturing a servant of the burgled household. He, however, stoutly denied being the burglar.

CANTON FANTAN?

SUGGESTED REVIVAL AS MONOPOLY.

WHAT CHINESE PAPERS SAY.

Fantan—as a Government monopoly—has been suggested as a means of revenue in Canton. The following is a close translation of an article in a vernacular paper, entitled:—

"An Uproar on (revolving) Information of Fantan's Revival—Merchant-Gamblers Take Advantage to Play their Tricks."

The notes of the Central Bank have been dropping (in value) since the recent incident of the Communists. There is a persistent call for maintaining these notes everywhere. Consequently there comes in good time the information which circulates speedily far and wide of resurrecting fantan in Canton, on the north side of the River.

Opportunity In 1,000 Years.

On enquiry, we are informed that the idea began when a number of merchants, seeing that the notes were dropping so low, proposed to raise funds, for maintaining these notes, by releasing the prohibitory order against fantan. The merchant-gamblers who took it as an opportunity in a thousand years proceeded to negotiate everywhere with the authorities concerned with a view to making the proposal an accomplished fact.

Atmosphere Thickened.

According to reports circulated by these merchant-gamblers, it is said that they had completed their negotiations and that the amount of revenue and the division of districts had all been fixed. It seems they are quite certain that what they say will become true.

The atmosphere of fantan's resurrection has been thickened a great deal by the uproar but the (Canton) Government so far shows no sign of its opinion.

Too Good a Song.

Some people's idea is that there must be some way by which the Government may be able to maintain the notes and that there is no necessity to carry out the proposal which will only draw criticism. It is feared that the proposal will only be too good a song for many musicians to understand its tones.—Contributed.

U. S. FLAG.

BULWARK FOR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 22.

The American flag flying over the Philippine Islands is their greatest safeguard for it is only because of the protection of the United States Government that the Philippines can forbid immigration of Chinese and Japanese. W. G. Hall, Vice-President of the Honolulu Iron Works, declared upon his return from Manila.

Hall said that the uncertainty of the future of the Islands is impeding their progress, while the continued demand of the Filipino people for independence is keeping out millions of dollars of foreign capital.

There is little doubt, Hall said, but that President McKinley intended to sanction Philippine independence, but there is in Washington a hand-written note from Lord Salisbury saying that such action probably would lead to a world war. It was that note, he said, which probably delayed the action, but to-day America has a world responsibility she did not have when McKinley was President and therefore at this time Philippine independence would be disastrous.

The United States has done much for the Philippines, Hall believes. Thousands of school teachers have been sent there with the result that a large part of the population can read and write, he said.

Hall thinks that the outstanding figure among Filipino leaders is Manuel Quezon.—United Press.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

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SAME OLD STORY.

DEPREDACTIONS BY SOLDIERS AND HANDITS.

LOOTING OF NINGKUOFU.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

The course of events in south Anhui during the past months has been so kaleidoscopic that it has been difficult to write with any degree of accuracy, for what was true one day would be the reverse to-morrow. Now that some events have passed into history, a brief survey of such may be of interest. The circumstances which made it necessary for us to evacuate Kienkang gave rise to a very hectic time, but the reign of the extremists was brief and many of them found it advisable to retire for a time elsewhere, some even sheltering temporarily in this Settlement. One called upon us, expressed regret for what had happened to us, and informed us that he was bound for the North, to join Gen. Feng, a personal friend.

The extremists tried to gain possession of our premises, to open a school, but the military never relaxed their hold, and different companies occupied it, as they came and went, using it largely as a recruiting office. A few weeks ago it was vacated when the soldiers left the province by the Kiangteh door. It was locked up by the civil official and the key is said to be in his hands.

The city, though greatly inconvenienced by military movements, having soldiers billeted upon them, does not seem to have suffered to the same extent as other places; but the countryside is infested with bandits and the country people have been fleeing to the city and elsewhere to escape them. Homes have been devastated and women and children carried off. Letters to hand constantly refer to such depredations.

Ningkuofu, a neighbouring city, has had its ups and downs with the military, then all suddenly left, and peace reigned for a week or two. Suddenly, 10,000 soldiers arrived from no one knew where and quartered themselves on the citizens. Their arrival caused apprehensive fears, which a few days later were justified. Suddenly, one day, shooting was heard, looting began and a great part of the city suffered before they took their leave by the East Gate. Three large market towns, ten, 30, and 70 li distant, were similarly treated. This came upon the city and district as a bolt from the blue and took place within the last three weeks.

From this it will be gathered that normal conditions have not yet been restored, and the people still sigh in vain for "the good old times."—"North China Daily News."

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. M. K. Lo was the complainant in a summons against the driver of an Aberdeen motor bus charging him with dangerous driving on Christmas Day on the Pokfulam Road. Mr. Lo, together with his brother and sister were walking in Pokfulam Road from the cemetery, keeping to the left hand side, and the road was absolutely clear, when the defendant's bus suddenly went past so close to the pedestrians that Mr. Lo's brother narrowly escaped being knocked over. The defendant had since written to Mr. Lo a letter of apology, but the latter thought it was a matter which should be brought to the notice of the police. However, Mr. Lo did not wish to press the matter as the defendant had frankly admitted the charge. Two previous convictions for dangerous driving having been proved against the defendant, he was fined \$30.



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RESTRICTED ENTRY.

KUOMINCHUN'S REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGNERS.

SENSITIVE OF CRITICISM.

Taiwan, Shantung, Dec. 12.

All through the summer and autumn it has been the ardent wish of those missionaries out of Honan, who still remain in different parts of the country, to return to their former stations and broken duties in the province. The various appeals that have been made on this head, both to the consular authorities, and to the administrative boards of the churches in the province, have met with negative answers. The Consuls have been unable to give other advice than that conditions still are far from settled, both as to travel, and within the province itself, and there is the disappearance of Mr. Riley, special correspondent of the "London Times," that remains a mystery. The administrative church committees, wholly composed of the local Chinese, leaders have felt that, since conditions are so gloomy, have been from the early spring to the present, it still is the part of wisdom to remain away, lest an unhappy incident should occur that would bring disaster not only on the missionary himself, but on the church as well, and perhaps might even result in an international affair.

For some time, the Bureau of Foreign Affairs within the province has been considering the whole question of the return of the missionaries, and visitations of other foreigners to the province, and has, at last, issued the following regulations governing such return for entry for re-entry into Honan:

1.—Foreigners entering Honan must have proper passports.

2.—Passports may be issued by the Nationalist Government, any Foreign Office under the control of the Nationalist Government, or Consuls of the country of which the applicant is a national. All such passports must be viced by the Foreign Bureau of the Nationalist Government.

3.—Any kind of passport may be used only for one year. At the expiration of the term of the passport of any foreign resident in the province he must apply for a new one, such application to be accompanied by two copies of the applicant's photograph, and a fee of \$5 to the Foreign Bureau. He should also pay \$1 stamp fee.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

"WATEREE" WRECK.

NAVY HISTORIANS AGREE ON REASON.

Washington, Dec. 21.
Navy historians have agreed on a solution of the wreck of the U.S.S. "Waterlee," declared the strangest marine disaster that ever involved an American vessel.

So far as is known, no one alive to-day witnessed the occurrence when a tidal wave picked up the man-of-war bodily off the Chilean coast and deposited it high on the side of a mountain two miles inland.

The visit to Chile of the U. S. S. Rochester, flagship of the special service squadron on duty with the American commission of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite, uncovered the old chapter of naval history. Members of the Rochester crews visited the scene of the wreck, where the boilers and stem are still to be seen.

The "Waterlee" arrived off Arica in the summer of 1868 from Callao with the store ship Fredonia in tow. Both ships had fled from Callao to escape the yellow fever plague. With a Peruvian man-of-war, the "Waterlee" and the Fredonia anchored in harbour about a mile from shore.

On August 13, the "Waterlee" was overhauling her engines when the ship trembled from stem to stern. The crew ran to the decks. The bay was untroubled but a cloud of dust and smoke was rising from the town. The amazed sailors saw the smoke lift and reveal scarcely a house standing.

A boat crew immediately started for shore and as they reached the water's edge, tidal currents swirled in and twisted the "Waterlee" free from her anchor chains. Daylight turned to darkness and the next thing those aboard the "Waterlee" knew, the ship was lifted as by a giant hand.

The "Waterlee" started moving toward land. Sandy water and foam swirled over her decks and a moment later she emerged three miles up the coast and two miles inland. The "Waterlee" was resting on an even keel against the side of a mountain with her port anchor and 100 fathoms of chain laid out intact.

Out of 235 men on board the "Waterlee," only one was lost. Inspection next day revealed that the tidal wave carried water to a height of forty-seven feet on the mountain side, 200 feet from the ship.

The Fredonia was crushed on the beach with the loss of all hands. The Peruvian man-of-war was caught by the currents and driven far out to sea.

It was impossible to salvage the "Waterlee" so her equipment was removed and her hull sold. Part of her guns were purchased by the Peruvian Government. — United Press.

FREIGHTER LOST.

SUNK WITH ALL HANDS OFF NORTH-WEST JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.
According to a despatch reaching Tokyo to-day, the freighter "Dainichisan Maru" (544 tons) has sunk off the Oga promontory, in north-western Japan, the whole crew of twenty perishing.

The cause of the disaster was not stated, but it is attributed to a storm.

C. P. FLEET.

FIVE MODERN FREIGHT STEAMERS.

The marked growth of ocean trade between Great Britain and Canada via the St. Lawrence route has prompted the Canadian Pacific in their building estimates for 1927-28, to augment their fleet of freight steamers with five modern twin-screw cargo vessels. The new ships will be of the "Beaver" class and will represent the highest type of express steamer to be used in maintaining a weekly service from London and continental ports, working strictly to schedule and ensuring definite arrival dates.

Four of these steamers have been launched, the "Beaverburn" on September 27, at Dumbarton, Scotland, and the "Beaverdale" on October 27, and the "Beaverhill" on Nov. 8. Launching of the remaining ship is scheduled to take place shortly.

These vessels constitute five of the ten ships under construction for the Canadian Pacific, the others being four 20,000-ton ocean passenger steamers of the "Duchess" class and the tenth the "Princess Elaine," to be placed in the Pacific Coast service of the Company. The ten ships will comprise a total gross tonnage of 135,000 tons and will cost approximately \$25,000,000.

The new freighters will be operated out of Montreal, in summer, and Saint John, in winter, to London and continental ports on a weekly service. Their speed will be 14 knots, maintained in all weather, and the voyage should be made in 9½ days. Normally the steamers will carry a deadweight of about 10,500 tons or a draft of 27 ft., but should the need arise, as much as 13,000 tons may be carried on the maximum load draft.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on December 31 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mail; and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Vimale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here tomorrow.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here tomorrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Garmula" left Kobe for this port on December 29 at a.m. and is due here tomorrow.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on December 9 and is due here on or about January 12.

The C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Talkoo Wan Yi (1,876) British, from Balikpapan, B. & S.—3,000 tons sugar for Hong Kong.

Linan (1,356) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—64 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong. 160 tons general (through).

Yunnan (1,206) British, from Hongkong, B. & S.—2,300 tons coal for Hong Kong.

City of Tokyo (4,426) British, from Shanghai, Bank Line—4 passengers, 4,600 tons general cargo (through).

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow, Chiu On S.S. Co.—145 passengers, 125 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Las Vegas (3,362) American, from Portland, Calbayog, Col. Pac.—3,350 tons general cargo (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard, M.M.—156 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Angers (5,580) French, from Marseilles, Saigon, M.M.—178 passengers, 101 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,160 tons general (through).

Atlantic (2,090) Swedish, from Chinwangtao, Dodwell & Co.—2,894 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,700 tons coal (through).

Canton (4,501) Swedish, from Singapore, Gilman & Co.—4 passengers, 646 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,980 tons general (through).

Vulcanus (707) Dutch, from Swatow, A.P.C.

Bandoeng Maru (2,469) Japanese, from Sourabaya, Nanyo Y.K.—10 passengers, 901 tons sugar for Hong Kong, 4,125 tons sugar (through).

Sumida Maru (1,183) Japanese, from Keelung, M.R.K.—2,460 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tak Hong (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing, 60 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Saigon—Prosper, Hakuno Maru, Andre Lebon.

For Tourane—Chung Kong. For Nagasaki—Benarty. For Swatow—Kwong Sang. For Shanghai—Angers. For K. C. Wan—Taisema, Sun Sai Kai.

For Manila—Kathe, Javanese Prince.

For Macao—Tak Hing. For Amoy—Santila, Tjiliwong. For Antau—Tak Hing. For Canton—Vulcanus. For Cebu—City of Tokyo. For Wakamatsu—Taisai Maru. For Pakhoi—Talkwa Maru.

Cleanances.

For Dairen—Ryuo Maru. For Tientsin—Yei Jun Maru. For Shanghai—Emp. of Russia.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals.	Departures.	In
British	5	6	25
Japanese	2	8	9
Norwegian	0	1	6
Chinese	1	6	12
Dutch	1	2	5
French	2	2	1
German	0	1	0
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Panama	0	0	1
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 25
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
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HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOV & PAKHOI.

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TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.

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AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.

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GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February, 1928.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.

KAMAKURA MARU Friday, 20th January.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Tuesday, 7th February, 1928.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Port.

DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.
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ANGERS ... B	—	—	31st Jan.
DARTAGIAN ... A	10th December	21st Jan.	14th Feb.
G. METZINGER ... A	30th December	1st Feb.	28th Feb.
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"WATEREE" WRECK.

NAVY HISTORIANS AGREE ON REASON.

Washington, Dec. 21.
Navy historians have agreed on a solution of the wreck of the U.S.S. Waterree, declared the strangest marine disaster that ever involved an American vessel.
So far as is known, no one alive to-day witnessed the occurrence when a tidal wave picked up the man-of-war bodily off the Chilean coast and deposited it high on the side of a mountain two miles inland.

The visit to Chile of the U. S. S. Rochester, flagship of the special service squadron on duty with the American commission of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite, uncovered the old chapter of naval history. Members of the Rochester crews visited the scene of the wreck, where the boilers and stem are still to be seen.

The Waterree arrived off Arica in the summer of 1868 from Callao with the storehouse Fredonia in tow. Both ships had fled from Callao to escape the yellow fever plague. With a Peruvian man-of-war, the Waterree and the Fredonia anchored in harbour about a mile from shore.

On August 13, the Waterree was overhauling her engines when the ship trembled from stem to stern. The crew ran to the decks. The bay was untroubled but a cloud of dust and smoke was rising from the town. The amazed sailors saw the smoke lift and reveal scarcely a house standing.
A boat crew immediately started for shore and as they reached the water's edge, tidal currents swirled in and twisted the Waterree free from her anchor chains. Daylight turned to darkness and the next thing those aboard the Waterree knew, the ship was lifted as by a giant hand.

The Waterree started moving toward land. Sandy water and foam swirled over her decks and a moment later she emerged three miles up the coast and two miles inland. The Waterree was resting on an even keel against the side of a mountain with her port anchor and 100 fathoms of chain laid out intact.

Out of 235 men on board the Waterree, only one was lost. Inspection next day revealed that the tidal wave carried water to a height of forty-seven feet on the mountain side, 200 feet from the ship.

The Fredonia was crushed on the beach with the loss of all hands. The Peruvian man-of-war was caught by the currents and driven far out to sea.

It was impossible to salvage the Waterree so her equipment was removed and her hull sold. Part of her guns were purchased by the Peruvian Government. — United Press.

FREIGHTER LOST.

SUNK WITH ALL HANDS OFF NORTH-WEST JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.
According to a despatch reaching Tokyo to-day, the freighter "Dainichisan Maru" (544 tons) has sunk off the Oga promontory, in north-western Japan, the whole crew of twenty perishing.
The cause of the disaster was not stated, but it is attributed to a storm.

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FIVE MODERN FREIGHT STEAMERS.

The marked growth of ocean trade between Great Britain and Canada via the St. Lawrence route has prompted the Canadian Pacific, in their building estimates for 1927-28, to augment their fleet of freight steamers with five modern twin-screw cargo vessels. The new ships will be of the "Beaver" class and will represent the highest type of express steamer to be used in maintaining a weekly service from London and continental ports, working strictly to schedule and ensuring definite arrival dates.

Four of these steamers have been launched, the "Beaverburn" on September 27, at Dumbarton, Scotland, and the "Beaverdale" on October 27, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, the "Beaverford" on November 8, and the "Beaverhill" on November 15. Launching of the remaining ship is scheduled to take place shortly.

These vessels constitute five of the ten ships under construction for the Canadian Pacific, the others being four 20,000-ton ocean passenger steamers of the "Duchess" class and the tenth the "Princess Elaine," to be placed in the Pacific Coast service of the Company. The ten ships will comprise a total gross tonnage of 185,000 tons and will cost approximately \$25,000,000.

The new freighters will be operated out of Montreal, in summer, and Saint John, in winter, to London and Continental ports on a weekly service. Their speed will be 14 knots, maintained in all weather, and the voyage should be made in 9½ days. Normally the steamers will carry a deadweight of about 10,500 tons or a draft of 27 ft., but should the need arise, as much as 15,000 tons may be carried on the maximum load draft.

The principal dimensions are: Length of water-line, 512 ft., moulded beam, 61 ft. 6 ins., depth to upper deck, 40 ft. 6 ins. and gross tonnage, about 10,000.

By means of the "Beaverburn," "Beaverdale" and sister ships, the speediest shipping of Canadian fruits and perishable farm produce, will be effected. Fruit picked in Ontario can be placed on the London breakfast table in 11 days or 13 days later in the case of fruit and vegetables from the British Columbia areas. The same rapidity of shipment will apply to cheese, ham, bacon and lard; to cereals, lumber, timber and manufactured articles. Modern refrigerating plants are required for ideal transportation of fruit and perishable produce, and such plants are a feature of the new cargo steamers.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on December 31 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Vimale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here tomorrow.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here tomorrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Garmula" left Kobe for this port on December 29 at a.m. and is due here tomorrow.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on December 8, and is due here on or about January 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Talkoo Wan Yi (1,876) British, from Balikpapan, B. & S.—3,000 tons sugar for Hong Kong.

Linan (1,856) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—64 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 160 tons general (through).

Yunnan (1,206) British, from Hongkong, B. & S.—2,300 tons coal for Hong Kong.

City of Tokyo (4,426) British, from Shanghai, Bank Line—4 passengers, 4,500 tons general cargo (through).

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow, Chiu On S.S. Co.—145 passengers, 125 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Las Vegas (3,362) American, from Portland, Calbayog—Col. Pac.—3,850 tons general cargo (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard, M.M.—155 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Angers (5,680) French, from Marseilles, Saigon, M.M.—178 passengers, 101 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,160 tons general (through).

Atlantic (2,090) Swedish, from Chingwangtao, Dowell & Co.—2,894 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,700 tons coal (through).

Canton (4,501) Swedish, from Singapore, Gilman & Co.—4 passengers, 646 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,980 tons general (through).

Vulcanus (707) Dutch, from Swatow, A.P.C.

Bandoeng Maru (2,459) Japanese, from Surabaya, Nanyo Y.K.—10 passengers, 901 tons sugar for Hong Kong, 4,125 tons sugar (through).

Sumida Maru (1,183) Japanese, from Keelung, M.S.K.—2,460 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing, 60 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Saigon—Prosper, Hakuno Maru, Andre Lebou.

For Tourane—Chung Kong.

For Nagasaki—Benary.

For Swatow—Kwong Sang.

For Shanghai—Angers.

For K. C. Wan—Tatema, Sun Sai Kai.

For Manila—Kathe, Javanese Prince.

For Macao—Tak Hing.

For Amoy—Santhi, Tjiljowong.

For Swatow—Tak Hing.

For Canton—Vulcanus.

For Cebu—City of Tokyo.

For Wakamatsu—Taisai Maru.

For Pakholi—Takwa Maru.

Clearances.

For Dairen—Ryuhou Maru.

For Taingao—Yeljun Maru.

For Shanghai—Emp. of Russia.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In
British	5	5	25
Japanese	2	3	9
Norwegian	0	1	6
Chinese	1	5	12
Dutch	1	2	5
French	2	2	1
German	0	1	0
American	1	0	1
Swedish	2	0	1
Mexican	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
	14	19	65

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
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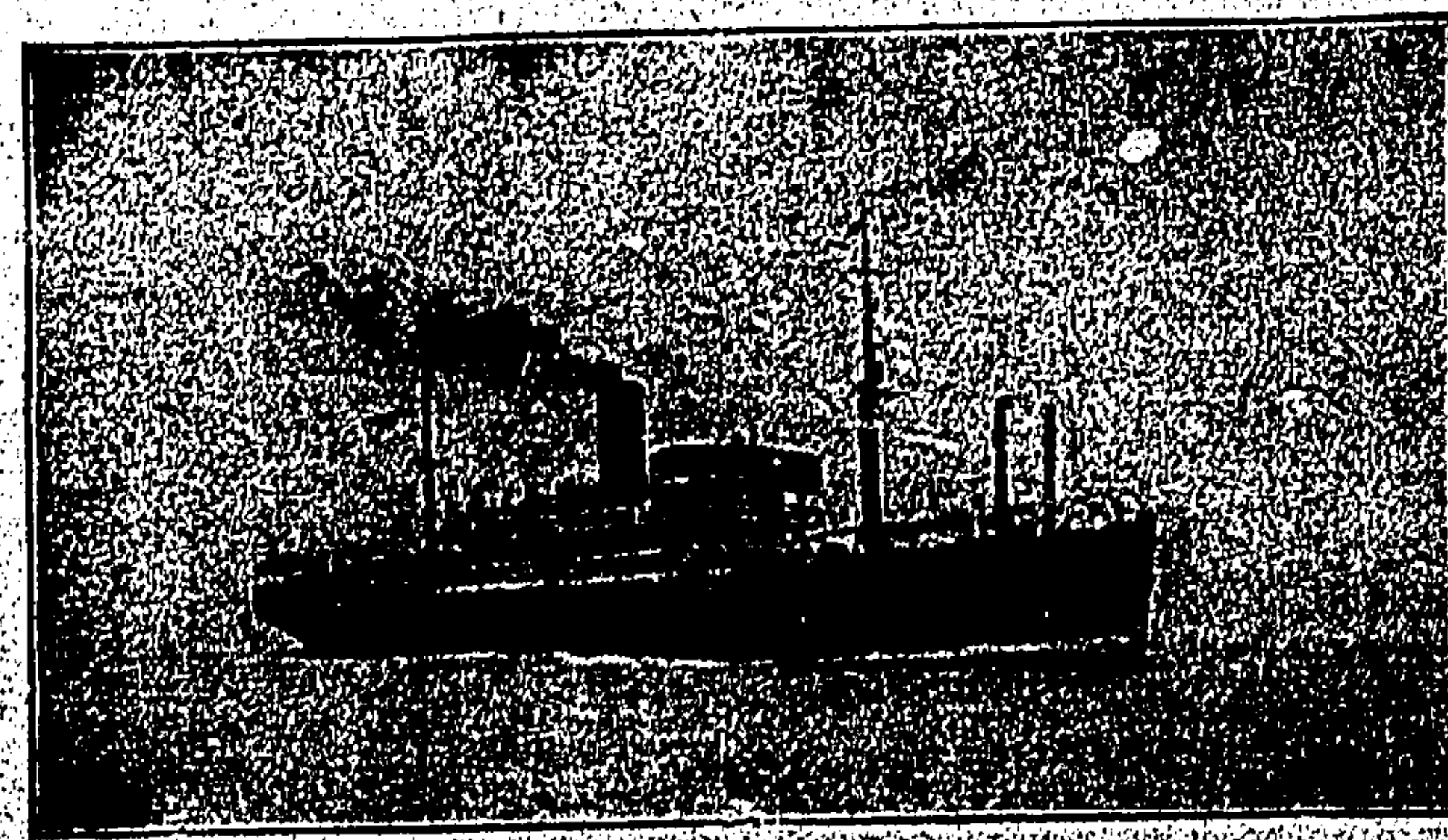
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CANTON'S OUTLOOK.

It is all to the good that General Li Chai-sum's return to Canton should synchronise with the short period between the Western New Year and the Chinese New Year. According to reliable observers it is fully expected that a moderate policy will be introduced, once again, in which case the merchants ought to regain a great deal of the confidence that was lost when General Li went to Shanghai and left Canton at the mercy first of the so-called Ironsides and then of the Reds.

At a moment, too, when a definite move is being made by the United States and France in the direction of the outlawry of war, and an invitation is to be sent to all the great Powers to frame similar arbitration treaties, it is to be trusted that this gesture toward peace will find an echo in China, and particularly in that portion so near to this Colony.

Every newspaper that comes into Hong Kong from China is full of narratives of the ghastly and appalling effects of the civil war to which there seems no prospect of an end. The works of peace have receded for years into the background, and not until China's real leaders—the men who are prepared to work for the real salvation of the country—not for the glitter of gold and tinsel—take counsel together will the bogey of war be laid low. In a discussion at Hanoi a few weeks ago it was optimistically stated that even the Nationalists are tiring of war and that there may eventually two peaceful regimes—one in the North and one in the South. Unhappily there are still

no tangible signs of this hope being realised, and pessimism is and will be justified until the war lords are swept out of existence. Well may the mass of the stricken people pray for "peace in our time," but they have not the slightest say in such matters and know not the causes of all the internecine strife.

General Li Chai-sum has a great task before him not only in inaugurating a moderate policy but of securing the loyalty of his subordinates and the people generally in ridding Kwangtung of all the unruly elements. In that task, however, it is needless to say that he will have the entire sympathy of this Colony. There are devious ways in which the two centres can co-operate to their mutual advantage, as has been demonstrated on many occasions even within the past twelve months. That co-operation will be still cordially extended by this Colony whenever it is desired, as no doubt General Li Chai-sum realised at first hand on the occasion of his call on His Excellency the Governor yesterday before his departure for Canton. If Hong Kong and Canton alike are to have a really "Happy New Year" it is for General Li Chai-sum and his Government to ensure it by working steadfastly along the lines of peace and internal development. May their efforts be crowned with success!

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Mr. Shorter also owned the original manuscript of Hardy's "The Return of the Native"; it was one of his most prized possessions, and he had received numerous tempting offers for it. The fate of the library is not yet known, but this manuscript, if sold publicly, will undoubtedly realise a large sum, probably not less than £2,200. The complete manuscript of "A Pair of Blue Eyes" was sold last year (by auction) for £1,500.

CHINESE WEDDING.

MR. LEE SHU-KEE—MISS NGAI LING-CHIE.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The marriage was solemnised yesterday afternoon between Mr. Lee Shu-kee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Po-hung, and Miss Ngai Ling-chee, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ngai Pong-ping.

Mr. Lai Chai-hai, Hanlin, of the University, officiated.

The bride, was attired in a pink Chinese costume embroidered with beads. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and was attended by her two sisters, the Misses Ngai Siu-lan, and Ngai San-ling. The two train-bearers were Ng Yan-tak and Ng Sul-chu.

The bride is the daughter of a prominent Canton official. Mr. Lee is the brother of Mr. Shiu-kai, who was recently married to Dr. Kote-wall's daughter.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the house. The catering was in the hands of Messrs. Lane, Crawford and the beautiful wedding cake was also made by the same establishment.

The Guests.

Among the guests invited were Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Generals Li Fook-lum, Hsieh Yoh, Chan Cheung-po, Leung Hung-kai, Hung, Luk, Ip Kuf, Chan Mok, Chung Chan-wai, Wong Keung, Yau Chit, Ngai Tsim-ming, Li Man-yan, Ma Yuk-fang, Lau Chun-wan, Chau King-chau, Chung Shiu, Mo Ku, and Lau Chuluk, Chui King-tong, Messrs. Hu Han-min, Wu Ching-sui, Ng Kwok-ying, Cheung Wai-cheung, and Chau Hing-wan.

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To-night a dinner party will be given in honour of the occasion at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point.

VERY SORRY, BUT—

STORY OF THE SCOTT-FREE SCEPTIC.

[On being invited by the greater part of the British press to assume the sackcloth and ashes of national humiliation over the defeat of one Phil Scott, English-heavyweight, in New York.]

I am sorry, very sorry, but I cannot squeeze one tear, I don't believe a little bit that England's doom is near. I don't propose to walk in woe or sit in gloom abiding because another heavyweight collects another hiding.

I quite agree that Mr. Scott was hammered past repair. But that, or so it seems to me, is Mr. Scott's affair. I'm also told that cash is earned whoever wins or loses. So Mr. Scott is not without some solace for his bruises.

But, as for England's prestige, I've been led to understand that for good, determined slogging 'tis the negro beats the band. But I've never heard it argued (though I'm open to correction) that the negro represents the pink of prestige and perfection.

Oh I may be very callous and uncultured and uncouth. But this news does not depress me—and, indeed, to tell the truth.

In a world so full of worries as this often seems to be, I am glad to note one trouble which will never trouble me. Lyono in "Manchester Guardian."

Dr. Wang Chung-wel, Minister of Justice in the Nationalist Government, has decided to proceed to Europe to attend the sittings of the World Court. Also Wen messager from Nanking states that Dr. Wang Chung-wel is expected to be appointed Acting Minister of Justice.

IN MACAO.

NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES OUTLINED.

HARBOUR WORKS.

Macao, Jan. 2.

Work commences in the New Year on a wharf in the New Port, the first important work in the recently made outer harbour of Macao. The pier will be about 470 feet long and the first 150 feet will be made of granite blocks, and the pier will then be continued for 320 feet of wooden beams and steel girders. The width of the pier will be about 48 feet.

The total cost of the pier will be approximately \$130,000, to which the portion of stone is to cost a little more than \$20,000, and it is expected that the work will be completed in rather less than nine months. The builders are the Netherlands Harbour Works Company, the builders of the port, and who are now engaged in harbour works at Hong Kong.

It is believed that this pier will suffice for all the immediate needs of the new harbour and the depth of the harbour bed on both sides of the pier will be sufficient to enable the berthing of vessels of even 4,000 or 5,000 tons burthen. Conditions regarding the use of the wharf by vessels have not yet been framed, but it is believed that they will be exceedingly reasonable.

History of Macao.

A book just published in Portuguese, primarily to give an outline history of Macao is called "Resumo da Historia de Macau." The work is by a French priest writing under the nom-de-plume of Eudore de Coloman and edited and translated by Captain Jacinto Moura. In the book are a number of interesting illustrations taken from various old works on Macao and China.

Photographic Competition.

The Macao Photographic and Art Exhibition and Contest continues to be the centre of art circles in Macao, and to some extent in other parts of the East.

From Peking, through the kind service of Portuguese Minister, Senhor Bianchi, a splendid collection of pictures has been received. These pictures embrace many sections of the art, the photographs of many places of historical interest, in particular of Portuguese and early Christian work in China, form, probably, a unique collection of work. Some of the paintings and sculpture sent from Peking are splendid examples of work in their particular sections.

Among Macao pictures are some excellent portraits in natural colours, so good in their branch of photography that they are fully deserving of a special section, not provided for in the original conditions. Some extremely interesting paintings of historical value are among the many sent in. These include a number of original Chinese pictures, and others by Captain Elliot, Marcelino Baptista, Baron Cercal, and others, important figures in art circles between fifty and one hundred years ago. Sketches in oils and water-colour from Macao and Hong Kong are among the many pictures from the bushes of present day painters.

The New Year.

The New Year was welcomed at Macao with the characteristic booming of crackers and the blowing of sirens. On New Year's Eve in the parochial churches the Thanksgiving services were crowded. At noon on January 1, His Excellency the Governor received at Government House all the officials and officers of the Government as well as a large number of the leading gentry. Contributed.

ENGINE EFFICIENCY.

New Adjustable Packing Ring.

Another step forward has been made in the fight against loss of engine efficiency due to worn or oval cylinders, by the introduction of a new flexible steel inner or packing ring. The device is made from Swedish spring steel, and is in the form of a crimped circle, which is made so as to permit of its adjustment to suit any form of cylinder. It may take place in a cylinder, as the packing ring is placed between the piston groove and the cylinder wall, so that the crimped force of the latter against the cylinder wall. By this means, the makers claim, standard rings may be made to fit tapered or oval cylinders, making a tight fit, thus retaining a high efficiency of compression and stopping the pumping of oil. It is also claimed that the device will allow of the engine being run twice as long as formerly, without the expense of re-boring and fitting new rings.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The "Red Rose" found a snake on board after leaving Rangoon. And, just after the New Year festivities too!

Lucy: How do you like my new hunting outfit?
Dick: Simply devastating, old girl! But why only one spur?
"Well, if one side of the horse gets a move on, the other's got to follow, hasn't it?"

Mrs. Hogg—"What have you ever done to save others from suffering and misery?"
Mr. Hogg—"I married you, didn't I?"

Two young men had been good-naturedly discussing the relative merits of their Alma Maters, when the Oxford man finally said, confident that it would be the last word, "Well, anyway, you can always tell an Oxford man."

"Yes," said the Cambridge man, shaking his head sadly, "but it doesn't do any good."

She: I can only be a—
He: Don't say it! It won't do. I have five sisters already, and, to tell you the truth, they are not favourably disposed towards you. They think a match with you would be the mistake of my life.

"Oh, indeed! I'll show the cats! We'll be married just as soon as I can get ready."

"Do you have the loud speaker at the table with you?"
"Yes, old fellow; it's a charming quest—entertaining, you know, and costs nothing in the way of nourishment."

Disgusted Tramp (in difficulties): "Why can't some blighter invent a blinking wireless fence?"

"I shall never marry," Reginald declared, "until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite!"
"Well, Reggie," said Mabel, "there are a number of intelligent girls in this neighbourhood."

"George," she asked, "if we were both young and single again, would you want me to be your wife?"
"Now, my dear," he absent-mindedly replied, "what's the use of trying to start a quarrel just as we have settled down to enjoy a quiet evening?"

An old woman, ailing and half deaf, was called upon by an official of the British Ministry of Health.
"I'm not a bit worried about the minister's health," she snapped. "I've been laid up with the rheumatics myself these last two years, and he's never come near me."

And she slammed the door.
"Doesn't it upset you when you run over a pedestrian?"
"No, I've never hit one as big as that."

"My wife ran the car into the fence the other day and knocked some paint off."
"Off what, your car or the fence?"
"Neither, off my wife."

Bridegroom: "As soon as our wedding was over we drove away in our car."

Friend: "Where did you spend the honeymoon?"
Bridegroom: "In the hospital."

Two young ladies, evidently strangers to each other, were sitting at the same table in a restaurant. One of them had finished her lunch; the other was about to commence. The former sat back in her chair and lit a cigarette. The other one resented this, and said: "I suppose you don't object to my eating while you are smoking?"
"Well, no; not as long as I can hear the orchestra."

"Is your wife economical?"
"Very. Look at the clothes she makes me wear."

Traffic Constable: "Yes; this is a one-way street, and there ain't no two ways about it."

A little girl came into a chemist shop. "Mother," she said, "will you please fill this bottle with salts of lemon?" she said to the chemist.
"Salts of lemon!" exclaimed the chemist. "But that's poison; what does your mother want it for?"
"It's only for baby," replied the customer. "It's drunk a bottle of ink, and mother wants to get the salts out of 'im."

Jones (reading aloud the newspaper report of a fire): "And one woman had to escape down a water-pipe at the back of the house!"
Mrs. Jones: "Oh, how splendid! It's something like that!"

Mrs. Miggins: "Yes, the doctor said there were something wrong with her tissue."
Mrs. Pottler: "Er, wot?"
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Shadows Before

**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"**

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Bear"

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Devil's Cargo."
To-day—World Theatre; "Back To God's Country."
January 5-7—World Theatre "The Eagle."
January 5-7—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."
January 6-7—Queen's Theatre "Out All Night."
January 8—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

Sports.
To-day—Hockey Match, H.K. Hockey Club v. Queen's Regiment U.S.R.C., ground, 5 p.m.
To-day—Hockey, Matches: H.K. University v. Punjabis, Marine ground, 5 p.m.
January 7—Third Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
January 8—H.K.V.D.C. Monthly spoon shoot at Peak Range, 9.30 p.m.
January 18—Annual Billiards Competition, St. Peter's.

January 21—China New Year
meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantung
Race Course.
Lammerts' Auction.
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January 6—At Sales Room,
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carpets, and fine Foochow lacquer
ware. 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.
To-day—R.P.A. meeting, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 5.30 p.m.
January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co. Ltd., 6-Des Vœux Road Central noon.
January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.
Miscellaneous.
January 9—St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club's lecture, by Mr. J. D. Husk.

January 10—St. Peter's C.Y.M.
Club dance in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

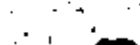
January 16—Debate in St. Peter's
Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.
January 22—Opening date.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. C. Gerrard, Assistant
Superintendent of Police, stationed
at Taipei, is leaving for Home
on holiday by the P. & O. s.s. "Morea"
on Saturday.The Eastern Extension, Australia
and China Telegraph Co., Ltd.
announces in our advertising
columns to-day new cable rates to
the Philippine Islands.To celebrate the New Year, a
concert was given in the R. M.
Yard Police Mess on Monday evening,
which was largely attended by
members of the force and friends.The forthcoming wedding is announced
of Mr. Ewan George
Stewart, schoolmaster, St. Paul's
College, and Miss Dorothy Sarah
Lander, Hospital Sister, Matilda
Hospital.On January 9, the offices of the
Shanghai-Nanking Consulate General
will be moved from H. M. Consulate
General to rooms on the ground floor of the Eagle and Globe
Building.The R.P.A. will hold its monthly
meeting to-day, January 4, at 5.30
p.m. at the Lane, Crawford Restaurant. A paper will be read by
Mr. J. D. Bush on the subject of
"Reconstruction in Modern Ethics."A Chinese countryman, ignoring
the cries of people in the vicinity,
threw himself under a motor car
travelling along Avenue Edward
VII and sustained serious injuries.
He was taken to the Lester Chinese
hospital.In addition to the Opium Conference
of the League of Nations to be held
in Geneva this month, a second
conference on the same subject
will be held in Paris in April
next, reports a telegram from
Peking to the "Shunpo."It has been decided that a Home
Products Encouragement Exhibition
will be held at Ueno, Tokyo
from March 24 to May 31 in commemoration
of the Coronation. It is understood
that the Emperor will attend the opening
ceremony of the Exhibition.Sir Percival Phillips, special
correspondent of the London "Daily
Mail," who was recently in Shanghai,
is now on his way back to England
after a journalistic tour of Java,
Singapore, India and Afghanistan,
during which he collected material
for a new series of articles for his paper.The destroyer 41, which had
been under construction at the
Ishikawajima Shipbuilding Yard,
was launched in the presence of
Admiral Auhio, the Commander of
the Yokosuka Naval Station. The
destroyer is 1,700 gross tons, has a
speed of 34 knots, and carries six
12 centimetre guns.Snow-fall, which began on the
night of December 24 in the district
along the coast of the Japan Sea,
Opu District, North-Eastern District
and along the west coast of
Hokkaido, continues. At some
places the snow is more than 14
feet deep. Trains are being hindered
at many places.According to a Toho report from
Batavia, Java, the Telephone
Bureau of the Dutch Government
made an experiment in direct
radio telephonic communication between
Hague and Batavia for two
hours on December 7. Various
foreign messages were sent to
Batavia with great success.A richa coolie, who left his
vehicle in Rue Lafayette, Shanghai,
while he changed some silver
at a money changer's shop, returned
to find that his richa had gone.
Calling the police he gave chase
and succeeded in recovering it
while the French policeman arrested
the man who had taken it.The destroyer 41, which had
been announced on December 22
that the rate of interest on loans on
the security of immovables, that is,
the interest rate of the Japan Hypothec
Bank, the Industrial Bank and the
Hokkaido Colonization Bank, will be
lowered by 2 rin during the first
half of next year.Mukden, Dec. 26.—Details regarding
the newly-organized Manchuria
Hotel Co., Ltd., are now
available. This company is to take
over the Yamato Hotel, numbering
19 in all, from the South Manchuria
Railway Co. The new company,
capitalized at Yen 8,000,000, of
which Yen 3,800,000 has been paid
up, will be subsidised by the Railway
Co. during the first five years,
after which period it is expected to
become self-supporting.Enfield and Edmonton Joint Hospital
Board are thinking of inserting
the following advertisement in the
newspapers:—"Wanted, a piper,
preferably piper, to charm some
hundreds of mice. Good wages to
likely applicant." The matron has
reported that the mice at the Isolation
Hospital at Winchmore Hill are in a
continual state of alarm because
their rooms are infested with mice.
They have been found even in the
beds and the baths. Some of the
maids are afraid to sleep, and
others are afraid to have baths.
The board have, in despair, instructed
the surveyor to prepare plans
to provide other accommodation
in order that the mice should
not be returned to a state of nervousDr. and Mrs. M. O. Pfister have
left for a short trip to Indo-China
and Siam.H.E. the Governor will distribute
the prizes at Queen's College on
Friday, January 13.The Bishop of Macao arrived in
Hong Kong yesterday and is staying
at St. Francis Hotel for a few
days.Mr. Uehara, the Councillor of the
Foreign Office, has returned to
Tokyo from an inspection trip to
China.Charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell at the Central Magistracy yesterday
with trespassing at No. 174,
The Peak, a Chinese was fined \$5.Booking is now open at Messrs.
Moutrie and the Star Theatre for
the revue season. Mr. Dick Norton's
company, the Globe Trotters, will
begin at the Star Theatre on Sunday
next. Admission is at the popular
prices, \$3, \$2, and \$1.During the week-end a safe in
Messrs. Alex. Ross and Company's
office was opened apparently by
means of a duplicate key, and over
\$300 in money was stolen. The
police have since arrested and are
detaining three men on suspicion of
being concerned in the robbery.Unable to repay the sum of \$50
owed to a friend in connection with
the sale of a motor car, a Chinese
living in Rue du Marche, French
Concession, decided to take his life
by swallowing a quantity of opium.
The French police were informed
and rushed the man to hospital.
His condition is stated not to be
serious.Miss Marie Antoinette Claudel,
oldest daughter of the French Ambassador
to the United States. She is
considered the most beautiful
girl in the diplomatic set of Washington.The current programmes at the
World Theatre and the Star Theatre
will be screened for the last time
to-day. At the former is James
Oliver Curwood's "Back to God's
Country," featuring Renee Adoree
and the exceptionally interesting
topical film, "Canton Under the
Reds." The Star Theatre is showing
Pauline Starke and Wallace
Beery in "The Devil's Cargo," a
story of the gold rush of '49.As the result of the sudden collapse
of a well surrounding the Mitsui
Eusean Kaisha's coal yard in
Tungkin Street, Yaumatei, at noon
yesterday, over a hundred tons of
coal stacked up in the yard was
hurled into the street, and seven
persons were buried alive. Out of
this number only one had a lucky
escape. Of the others, two women
were fatally injured, whilst four
other people, including a small boy,
had to be removed to the hospital
for medical attention. The Police
and the Fire Brigade were promptly
on the scene. Work of rescuing
those buried underneath the coal
and masonry was speedily undertaken,
and it was this which resulted
in the lives of five of the unfortunate
people were saved. Earlier in
the morning, another portion of
the same wall, near the Yaumatei
Police Station, collapsed into
Public Square Street and coal also
fell into the road, but no one was
injured.The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" is due
to arrive from Home to-morrow
with the mails, and a number of
passengers for Hong Kong, including
Mrs. A. A. Aris, Mr. and
Mrs. A. C. Burford and child, Mr.
and Mrs. H. J. L. Creasey, Dr. W. K.
Duncombe, Miss A. E. de Dutton
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Miss A. M. Grant, Miss M. G.
Gubbins, Mrs. Harriell, Mr. and
Mrs. W. F. Hart, Mr. V. M. Hart,
Mr. W. M. Johnson, Mr. P. Kellert,
Mr. B. B. McElderry, Miss M. S. McElderry,
Mrs. P. Newton and infant,
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Owen and infant,
The two Misses Owen, Mr. C. Poyntz,
Mrs. Potts, Mr. A. B. Purvis,
Sir Henry Pollock, Lady Pollock,
Mr. R. B. Sinclair, Rev. and
Mrs. A. Swann, child, infant and
nurse, Mr. F. S. W. Smith, Mr. and
Mrs. L. Tyler, Rt. Rev. Bishop of
Victoria, Mr. J. K. Whelan, Mr. J.
Wallace, Miss E. G. Williams.Mr. A. J. S. Parkhill, of the
Shanghai office of the G.P.R. Co.,
and Mrs. Parkhill returned from
home leave by the "Empress of
Asia."Mr. Claude Barr, the newly appointed
agent of the Canadian National
Railways, arrived in Shanghai on the
"President McKinley" from Seattle.A fire broke out at 4.45 p.m. yesterday
in the Tak Chan laundry, No. 116,
Kennedy Road. A large quantity
of linen worth \$400 was destroyed
before the fire was extinguished.The Shanghai "Zarya", in summarising
the Russian situation, stated that 108
Soviet representatives had left port.
There still remain the balance of 1,100 men
and women with Soviet passports.Mr. R. F. C. Hedgeland, Commissioner
of Customs at Canton, is a passenger
on the "President Jackson" from the south.
Mr. Hedgeland is going to England on
furlough, via the United States.At present only one passenger train
travels between Pukow and Hanchowfu,
but more are expected to be put on the run
within the next few days, a Kuo Wen news
agency report from Nanking states.In the Provisional Court Judge Kuh
sentenced a shop assistant to four months
imprisonment for using washed postage stamps,
with a view to cheating the Chinese Government.
The Postal Commissioner was complainant in the case.The Chinese papers say that, owing
to the fact that the Ministers of certain
countries in Peking refuse to agree to the
proposal, the agreement whereby the Powers
bind themselves not to import any munitions
into China will now be abandoned.A well-known Peking diplomat is
credited by the Chinese press with having
made a statement to the effect that the Northern
Government will take advantage of the
Southerners' split with the Soviet by
forcibly taking back her rights in north
Manchuria.About 100 persons met in Shanghai
Chinese territory on Boxing Day for the purpose
of passing resolutions urging Chang Kai-shek
to assume command of the Nationalist
armies. On the other hand radicals continually
are placarding Shanghai with denunciatory
propaganda.The League for securing Universal
Suffrage, the Women's Suffrage League,
the Japan Women's Suffrage Association
and the Kwansai Women's Union have
decided to submit petitions, through
Diet members, to the Diet on the occasion
of the opening ceremony demanding women
be granted suffrage, citizenship and the right
of forming societies.Before Mr. W. Schofield at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese
was charged with having stowed away from
Singapore on board the s.s. "Benarty." The
accused was found by the second engineer
in the coal bunker on the morning of
December 28, the day after the ship left port.
The accused was charged with having
excuse was that he had been working
on the ship and fell asleep, the ship sailing
in the meantime. The accused was discharged
and referred to the S.C.A.The legality of the Socialist Birkenhead
Council requiring corporation employees to join
trade unions is shortly to be tested. A writ
has been served on the corporation by a
former employee named Stafford, who was in the
electricity department. He alleges that he was
summarily dismissed because he was not a member
of a trade union, and that the continuance
of his employment was conditional upon his
being a member. He claims that the corporation
acted illegally.Three men—a merchant, a coolie and another—were sentenced to death by Judge Liang Lone and Mr. Stevens, Senior Consul's Deputy, at the Provisional Court for being
concerned in the kidnapping of Gung Ky-kwaung, a blind Cantonese fortune teller, several weeks ago, and holding him for ransom. A fourth man, who claimed to be a detective's second, was given life imprisonment, while a woman and three other men were acquitted. The Judge ordered that two automatic pistols and several rounds of ammunition seized by the police from accused should be confiscated.

News has just come from Hankow that Dr. Gertrude Mary Terrell of the London Mission died in Wuhan on December 26 from diphtheria. Her father, a missionary of the London Missionary Society, died many years ago at his station in Shaokan, Hupeh, and Mrs. Terrell with her two children returned to England, and there watched over their upbringing until in 1916 she returned to Central China to her old station, where for the past ten years she has been working. Her son, a student for the mission, was killed on active military service in 1916, and Mrs. Terrell, later, commenced her medical studies at Bristol, preparatory to coming on to Central China.

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SPORTS

CRICKET.

SECOND TEST MATCH AT CAPE TOWN.

ENGLAND'S GOOD SCORE.

Cape Town, Yesterday. In the second test match against South Africa England made 339 runs for five wickets up to the tea interval, of which Sutcliffe scored 99 and Tyldesley 87.—Reuter.

At the close of play England had 412 for eight wickets. Wyatt was 76 not out.—Reuter.

A Broken Bat. Rugby, Yesterday. At the close of play in the second cricket test match at Cape Town England had scored 412 runs for eight wickets. Sutcliffe, who made 99, had reached that total when he broke his bat. Playing with a new bat he was dismissed without being able to make the one run needed to secure his century.

Tyldesley was responsible for 87 runs as a result of a patient innings of three hours and a quarter against difficult bowling.

The South Africans, who had an advantage over England of 117 runs on the first innings, are now faced with the prospect of having to make 300 runs in their second innings in order to win.—British Wireless Service.

I.R.C. "B" v. R.G.A.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. "B" in the above match on Saturday next at Sookumpoo Valley:—

M. P. Madar (captain), R. Nazarin, A. S. Sufiad, K. A. Minu, I. Hassan, D. Mohamed, S. A. Husain, A. Rahmin, A. K. Ismail, Sirdar Khan, A. Butt, Reservists: U. T. Thad and E. M. K. Malubhyo.

INTERPORT GOLF.

GAMES WITH SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

The Shanghai Interport Golf team will arrive by the s.s. "Antenor" on or about January 23. The team from Manila is due by the "Empress of Canada" on the 24th.

The matches have been fixed as follows:—

Fourfoursomes.
January 25—Hong Kong v. Shanghai.
January 26—Hong Kong v. Manila.
January 27—Shanghai v. Manila.
January 28 (Saturday)—Hong Kong v. Shanghai.
January 29—Hong Kong v. Manila.
January 30—Manila v. Shanghai.

An "Interport dinner" is to be held on the evening of the 30th and both teams leave the following day, the Manila players by the "President Madison," and the Shanghai players by the "President Cleveland."

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The results of the third round of the Governor's Shield competition were as follows:—
Canadian Pacific beat R.M.C. University beat Wilkinson and Grist, 1 up.

A.P.C. beat Education Dept. 2 up.
P.W.D. beat Prison Dept. 8 and 2.

ADAMSON CUP.

J. Stewart, 88—15=73, qualifies. Other scores:—
A. E. Charman, 94—20=74.
A. W. Dorrington, 94—20=74.
J. Kent, 96—21=75.
There were 11 entries.

FAST BOXING.

FILIPINO LOSES IN AMERICA.

New York City, Dec. 1. Putting up a slashing battle in which he had his opponent hanging to the ropes in the fourth round, Young Fernandez of Manila nevertheless was unable quite to make the grade and he lost a judges' decision to Tony Canzoneri after ten rounds of the fastest sort of action here in Madison Square Garden.

Fernandez, newest of the fistic stars from the Philippines and former bantam and feather champion of the Orient, made a terrific struggle to take what was the biggest bout of his career to date.

He had the better of three rounds. In the fourth round he handed Canzoneri two terrible wallops, starting with a left to the body and a right to the head. Tony went over on the ropes and hung to them, but he was able to weather the storm and in succeeding rounds he developed a clear margin.

Five rounds were Canzoneri's, two were about even, and the other three were plainly Fernandez'. While the judges recognized that Canzoneri had the decision coming to him, there is a good chance for a return bout in which Fernandez may connect for a knock-out.

Canzoneri had what edge there was in the weighing-in, but it

FOOTBALL.

HOLIDAY LEAGUE MATCHES AT HOME.

SCOTTISH FIXTURES.

London, Yesterday. The following league matches played to-day:—

Division III.—North.
Rochdale 0, Bradford 4.
Dundee 3, St. Johnstone 0.
Dunfermline A. O. Hearts 2.
Falkirk 2, Motherwell 1.
Hamilton A. O. Airdrieonians 2.
Hibernians 0, Aberdeen 0.
Kilmarnock 2, Cowdenbeath 1.
Queen's Park 1, Celtic 3.
Raith Rovers 1, St. Mirren 2.
Rangers 2, Partick Thistle 1.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following are the amended tables as affected by yesterday's matches:—

Division III.—North.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	21	15	4	2	63	24	36
Doncaster	21	14	3	4	46	17	31
Lincoln	21	12	4	7	48	38	28
Tranmere	20	10	6	4	38	25	26
Hull	21	9	8	4	44	31	26
Alexington	22	9	7	6	43	32	25
Wrexham	22	11	3	8	37	33	25
Stockport	21	11	3	7	36	26	25
Rochdale	20	11	1	7	43	38	23
Hartlepool	23	10	3	10	41	44	23
Bradford C.	21	7	8	6	38	34	22
Darlington	21	8	4	9	37	35	20
Southport	21	9	2	10	42	36	20
N. Brighton	20	7	5	8	34	31	19
Chesterfield	22	6	10	34	43	18	18
Rotherham	21	6	5	10	34	36	17
Durham	22	6	5	11	31	44	17
Crewe	22	6	7	10	40	47	17
Nelson	21	4	6	12	37	62	15
Wigan	21	4	5	12	26	60	13
Barrow	22	4	5	13	29	62	13
Ashington	22	3	7	12	28	61	13

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	22	16	3	3	62	36
Rangers	22	17	2	3	68	37
Celtic	21	12	6	3	46	30
Hearts	23	13	3	7	51	29
St. Mirren	23	12	3	8	47	27
Kilmarnock	22	10	6	6	41	26
Cowdenbeath	23	10	4	9	38	24
Falkirk	23	12	2	9	47	26
Aberdeen	24	11	3	10	39	25
Hibernians	23	10	4	9	42	23
Partick T.	23	9	5	9	49	23
St. Johnstone	24	9	4	11	42	22
Airdrie	23	7	7	9	39	21
Queen's Park	23	7	4	12	42	18
Dundee	23	8	4	11	37	18
Hamilton	23	7	2	14	39	16
Raith R.	22	6	4	12	43	17
Clyde	23	7	2	14	30	16
Boness	22	5	2	15	27	12
Dunfermline	23	8	2	13	19	18

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

In the match between Royal Navy and a Selected team which takes place on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at 3.45 p.m. to-day, C. F. Remedios (Club de Recreio) will play at left half in place of Lam Yuk-ying (China Athletic) who is on the injured list. The rest of the team is as advertised.

GARRISON LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Tuesday, January 10.—R.A.M.C. v. R.E. & R. Sigs. Referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchins, R.A.
Thursday, January 12.—12th H. Bty. R.A. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A. Referee, S/Sgt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.
All matches are at Sookumpoo. Kick off 4.15 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLE.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
C.O. K.O.S.B.	7	7	1	0	33	15
H.Q. K.O.S.B.	8	0	1	1	20	16
D. K.O.S.B.	10	5	3	2	32	18
A. K.O.S.B.	6	4	1	1	8	9
H.Q. K.O.S.B.	8	4	1	3	19	13
B. K.O.S.B.	7	4	1	2	15	10
21st H. Bty. R.A.	6	3	1	2	13	9
R.A.M.C.	10	3	0	7	10	35
12th H. Bty. R.A.	4	1	2	9	9	3
R.A.O.C.	0	1	1	7	9	3
R.E. & R. Sigs.	5	0	0	6	2	16
20th H. Bty. R.A.	0	0	0	6	1	20

LOCAL HOCKEY.

H.K. UNIVERSITY v. PUNJABIS.

This game will be played on Friday, at 5 p.m. on the Marina ground.
University:—P. L. Tan, M. E. Osman, A. A. Rumjahn, P. C. Lim, K. T. Loke (Capt.), Y. C. Teh, P. Zimmern, K. P. Gan, C. K. Ong, G. E. Yeoh, V. Enok.

couldn't have been much closer. He tipped the beam at 125 pounds; Fernandez scaled 124½ pounds. This was Fernandez' second defeat in the United States, neither battle having been anything of which he need be ashamed. The first was at the hands of Archie Bell, whom Fernandez met when he was in poor shape and suffering from a cold.

Balancing these two defeats, both by decisions, are four victories. They included a win over Harry Forbes on November 14 and a knock-out scored on Abe Goldstein.

HOME BOXING.

U.S. AND BRITISH STYLES.

ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES.

Play is a natural impulse, it is an expression of temperament. The nimble-witted cockney shines as a feather-weight boxer; the big, slow-thinking, slow-moving highlander likes to grapple with the caber, heave the stone, or hurl the hammer. These are his recreations. The brawny fellows find suitable expression for his superfluous energy in Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling.

In the days of prize-fighting, which included wrestling, as well as toe-to-toe hitting, our big men prospered, for that type of fighting was a true reflection of their temperament. We possessed the undisputed champions of the world, the exhibitions in the prize ring made no appeal to the foreigner, they were so typically British. But even in the record of the prize-ring our most brilliant champions were not men of brawn, but comparatively small men, who could combine strength with speed.

Fitzsimmons punched with every fibre of his lean body; he fought with a concentrated energy that swept all before it. His attack was determined, ambitious, and relentless, and his defence was imbued with the same aggressive spirit.

His methods are the American methods of to-day; they suit the American temperament. The big American has much quicker reactions than the average big Britisher. He is stimulated by his climate, for climate has a far-reaching influence on temperament, so often, too, he is still further fired by the mingling of Latin or negro blood in his veins. It suits the American to box at a quarter-mile speed; our big men prefer to settle down to a marathon jog-trot. Americans train their boxers by making them fight countless energetic, sparkling contests of from six, eight, and ten rounds; we mechanise our boxers by making them perform monotonous and stereotyped movements for fifteen and twenty rounds. We pander to our temperament, and put a premium on endurance. Our contests are chiefly tests of endurance. We must bear in mind that boxing is now Americanised; it is a spasm of violent and rapid reactions, lightning thought, and all-ways full steam ahead.

The Right Spirit.

We have boxers in plenty in our country filled with the true fighting spirit, as proved by our amateur boxers; they are still the world's best, but then amateur methods are conceived by boxers imbued with the right spirit for the good of boxing. To get up to date we want to learn what we have forgotten. How to hit with the power to end a fight, and to understand that this power can only be derived from the biggest muscles of the body; to hit with the muscles of the shoulder and arm alone is useful for a jog-trot contest, but not for a six-round sprint battle. In-fighting is now a lost art, hitting in the holds, elapping on the back is the miserable substitute for it; no more does one see the lightning half-arm body-jolts, hooks, and upper-cuts, legacies from Mace and Fitzsimmons. We want a Driscoll or Wilde to again inspire our boxers with the finesse of the art and show them how to anticipate, to "time," and to think in "second intention."

The first step in our return journey to regain our boxing prestige is to limit championship contests to eight or ten rounds and all minor ones to four or six. This will stimulate life into our boxing, it will put a premium on skill and speed, rather than on endurance. Champions will get more contests and many more boxers will have an opportunity to take part in an evening's boxing entertainment. The public will enjoy the variety of talent and learn to appreciate skill, they will come in greater numbers. The promoter will not lose, in fact he will be a gainer, also. Let him be of good heart. Perhaps the ridicule of the world will shame some force into action. Let the lamentable exhibition of Phil Scott, the manufactured champion, be the curtain to the miserable butchery which our professional boxers are performing before the world. It is not their fault, but the stage managers'.

THE RACING SEASON.

LORD DERBY'S SUCCESS AS AN OWNER.

TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS.

Flat racing concluded in England with Lord Derby at the head of the list of winning owners. He is followed by Lord Astor, the Aga Khan, Lord Dewar, and Mr. J. B. Joel in that order. The leading owner owes his position mainly to the efforts of Colorado, whose career has been of great interest. At this time last year he was running loose in a paddock, having broken down earlier in the season. For a while it was doubtful whether he would ever run again, but a long rest did him a world of good, and this year Colorado came out like a giant refreshed. He surprised the racing world by vanquishing Coronach in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, and showed there was no fluke about that result by beating last year's Derby winner again in the Eclipse Stakes.

Lord Derby has won £41,243 in stakes with horses of his own breeding, and ends the season with a keen interest in next year's classic races. His two-year-old Fairway is likely to be the winter favourite for the Derby, if there is any betting on that race during the next few months. His filly Toboggan has proved herself one of the best of her sex and will be a formidable competitor for the One Thousand Guineas and Oaks.

Book Law's Triumphs.

While Lord Astor has won only ten races during the season, their value amounts to just under £30,000. Like Lord Derby, he only races horses bred by himself. The consistent success achieved by the Cliveden stud since it was established in a modest way has been one of the most remarkable features of the turf during the past two decades. Although Book Law narrowly missed the Oaks, Lord Astor had the satisfaction of winning his first St. Leger with this beautiful filly, who remains in training for another year.

The Aga Khan has won close on £22,000 in stakes, which does not nearly cover the amount he has been in the habit of laying out annually in yearlings. But he is in the happy position of having an exceptionally promising lot of two-year-olds. Such colts as Buland, Ranjit Singh, Parviz, and Farhad are likely to do good service in his colours next year, while racing people are awaiting with interest the first appearance of Feridoun, who, purchased from the National Stud for the record price, £17,000, did not appear this season.

Twelve months ago Lord Woolavington headed the list of successful owners, but Coronach did not fulfil expectations as a four-year-old, and his owner now takes a much lower place. Lord Dewar has done best among the patrons of the Beckhampton stable, where he is well represented among the two-year-olds by that smart colt Sunny Trace and the goods filly Jurisdiction. Perhaps the best youngster in this establishment is Gang Warily, the property of Mrs. G. H. Drummond. This colt, like Buland, has not yet been defeated. The late Mr. Frank Curzon, who won the Derby with Call Boy, is sixth on the list of winning owners.

Alec Taylor and Manton.

In his last season as trainer Alec Taylor just misses finishing at the top of the winning list. All the same, with over £55,000 in stakes to his credit, it has been a great season for Manton. There is every prospect that its foremost place will be maintained under the direction of Joseph Lawson, who has served for thirty years at Manton, and is in every way qualified to carry on the notable traditions of the stable. Frank Butters has done well in heading the list in his first year in charge of the Stanley House string. It was a great disappointment to him that Sickle failed to win a race, but the triumphs of Colorado compensated for that. Hopes are that Sickle will be sound again next season. Among the jockeys, C. Richards has returned to the position of supremacy he occupied in 1925. He has taken many more mounts than any other rider, Fox coming nearest to him in this respect. Richards has made excellent use of his chances, and has had more than double the number of successes than the jockey who follows him on the winning table, Elliott Weston, and H. Wraggs have all done well. The latter's young brothers have been among the most successful apprentices of the season. As to the senior jockeys, J. Childs and B. Caralake continue to show themselves to be great masters of their craft, while S. Donoghue is still difficult to beat.

HOME FENCING.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BEAT BIRMINGHAM.

BERTRAND'S TUSSELE.

Some excellent fencing was witnessed at Bertrand's Academy, in Tenterden Street, Hanover Square, when the Salle Bertrand F.C. entertained the Grosvenor Fencing Club, and Cambridge University met the Birmingham F.C. in a three-weapon contest. The former match was a six-a-side affair, with epee only, and had almost finished before the Cambridge fencers, who had been delayed by fog, were ready to start.

Assisted by the well-known Bertrand's F.C. member, J. Evan James, the Grosvenor team did so well at the start that a defeat for the home club appeared probable. B. Cederlin and J. Pinto Leite were instrumental in turning the tide in favour of the home club, who were successful with 19 victories against 15, two of the bouts having ended in double-hits. Cederlin was undefeated, a particularly fine performance, but Leite suffered his only reverse in the last bout of the match, when he lost to the Grosvenor Hon. Secretary, B. Childs. Grosvenor were leading by three for most of the way, until Cederlin defeated James, and Leite followed with a victory over A. E. Pelling in what was easily the best bout of the match. It was not until ends had been changed, after the assault had lasted five minutes without result, that Leite, with a smart disengage on to his opponent's arm, obtained the verdict. The remainder of the match was a series of successes for home fencers until Childs defeated Leite in the concluding bout.

The foil, epee and sabre were used in the second match, and with the first two of these weapons Cambridge obtained a marked advantage which gave them victory, for Birmingham were represented by only a weak team, and lacked the services of Major A. D. Penne, the amateur foil champion, and Major R. E. Cole. Cambridge won eight of the nine foil bouts, but their performance in securing seven wins with the epee was surprising, particularly as J. E. Lloyd, the Cambridge captain, was undefeated with this weapon. He usually confines his activities to the foil, but was substitute for one of the Cambridge men who could not appear. Lloyd did not take part in the sabre bout, which Birmingham won by the odd fight, a feature of the play being the excellent swordsmanship of G. T. Haycraft, of Birmingham. Cambridge University were successful on the whole match by two events to one, or 19 wins to 8.

HOME POLO.

NUMBER OF HANDICAP ALTERATIONS.

The Hurlingham Official Handicapping Committee held a meeting in order to revise players' handicaps. There were several interesting alterations made, and some well-known players who had not figured in the Hurlingham list before were given official ratings.

The most important among the latter group were three members of the Army-in-India team, who were beaten at Meadow Brook in September by the United States in the International matches for the Westchester Cup. Captain R. E. George (Central India Horse) has been allotted a handicap of 3 points. Captain C. E. Port (16th Lancers), who played No. 1 in the first match against the United States under his Indian handicap of 7, has been given a lower handicap—namely, 6 points—by Hurlingham. The reduction of a point in this case would appear to be fully justified on the form that Captain Port displayed last season. Major A. H. Williams (Central India Horse), who disappointed by his display in the first Westchester Cup match in September, has had his Hurlingham handicap reduced from 8 to 7. The other member of the Army-in-India team who has been added to the Guinness (Royal Scots Greys) Ho this year, and is generally a big hit, has been rated at 6 points, as in India.

The only one among the first-class players to have his handicap raised is Wing-Commander P. K. Wise, who has been deemed worthy of promotion from 8 to 9 points. He played No. 3 in the Hurricanes' side which won the three open cups this year, and is generally a big hit and a very sound player. Mr. S. Sanford, the young American sponsor of the Hurricanes, has had his handicap reduced from 7 to 6. Two other alterations worthy of note are Lord Woodhouse, lowered from 5 to 4, and Lord Woodhouse, General John Vaughan, reduced from 4 to 3. Lord Woodhouse, who last season was the No. 3 of Captain Guest's Templeton side, played back for England in 1909 and No. 3 in 1921. Major-General Vaughan, for so many years associated with the 7th Hussars' team, afterwards played for the 10th Hussars when commanding that regiment. He is now the popular polo manager of the Ramsgate Club.

CINEMA NOTES.

"BEAU GESTE" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

DRAMATIC BEGINNING.

One of the greatest moments that any film has ever had comes at the very start of "Beau Geste," the big film which is drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre. Imagine a lonely desert fort manned by a garrison of dead men—dauntless heroes, fixing sightless eyes along rifles clutched in lifeless hands. Forty men against four thousand! Such is the note struck in the opening incidents of this romance of three brothers who leave home under the shadow of disgrace, each suspecting the other, yet not willing to believe him guilty.

Each leaves in the dead of night, hoping that his disappearance will be taken as a sign of guilt. Chance brings them together again in the French Foreign Legion. The events that follow are as stirring as any other presented on the screen and the climax is superb. Ronald Colman plays the title role. The other featured players include Alice Joyce, Noah Beery, Mary Brian, Neil Hamilton, William Powell, Norman Trevor, Ralph Forbes and Victor McLaglan. Owing to the length of the picture—10,000 feet—performances start promptly at the special times advertised, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 and the picture begins immediately after the overture.

RADIO HINTS.

ADJUSTING THE SHOCK ABSORBERS.

It is the usual practice when installing snubbers or shock absorbers to merely fasten them on, and trust to luck as to their adjustment. The correct adjustment is as follows: Place the car on a level spot, and get two fairly heavy passengers to stand on the running board, thus depressing the springs. If, when the passengers jump off slowly simultaneously, the car body rises slowly to its normal position, the absorbers are properly adjusted. If it rises with a bound they need tightening.

When taking down an engine fitted with a self-starter disconnect one of the leads from the battery. This is quite an easy thing to do, and will safeguard both the engine and the operator should any one inadvertently step on the starter button.

To prevent grease and dirt from working in under the finger nails when working about the car, fill them up with soft soap. This may feel awkward at first, but it will save a lot of work when cleaning up time happens along.

A sudden sluggishness of the motor, when negotiating a hill may usually be traced to an accidentally retarded ignition, caused by one of the controls getting out of place. A motor operating under these conditions usually gets hot quickly, and shows a marked tendency to backfire when the throttle is opened suddenly.

In the erection of an aerial, be sure and make the aerial lead in wires tight, so that they will not sway in a breeze. Swaying aerials are productive of static noises in the set, and tend to distort reception. If your set is at all microphonic—that is if a ringing noise is heard in the loud-speaker when the set is touched, or when any one walks near it—the placing of four sponge rubber feet on the corners of the cabinet will usually cut out the trouble and give noise-free reception.

In the erection of an outside aerial, the quality of the insulators are of primary importance. A high-grade of insulator should always be used, as the cheaper grades are nearly always slightly porous, and become practically useless on wet or dewy nights. There are insulators on the market at the present time that are not even susceptible to the condensation, following a sudden change of temperature. These, while perhaps being a little more expensive than those of the ordinary type, are quite a good investment, and ensure perfect reception under most weather conditions.

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SATURDAY, 7th January, 1928, at 9.15 p.m.

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MARINE FRASER.
H.M.S. "Tamar".

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

NEW AND DYED FURS ARE SEEN IN LINES OF LOVELINESS.
Fur Coats for All Occasions Appear in Shades Hitherto Unknown
to Add to a Season of Extravagant Smartness. Com-
binations of Furs Are Much Used.



Billie Dove, First National star, in wrap of squirrel and mole-skin,
a combination of the more familiar furs which is proving
most popular.

While furs that fashion the newest coats and wraps have the appearance of strange pelts, it is frequently because they appear in their natural state that they seem so new and different. The stencilled effects and strangely dyed furs of last season are not used to such a great extent this year, but rather are the natural tones of the fur brought into popularity.

Furs of established variety worked into flattering lines with intricate workmanship are the accepted rule to-day. Pelts used on diagonal lines, for instance, are much seen, while contrasted furs are used to create a smart trimming. Exquisite working of the pelts on simple lines establish the wraps and coats of distinction.

Sports furs are often bleached rather than dyed. Mole and nutria used in a lovely blonde shade fashion some of the newest coats and give the appearance of a new fur. Golden seal in two tones also is much seen in sports and daytime coats. Shaded broadtail, from grey to almost black, is seen for the daytime fur coat.

Other natural furs that are favoured for sports are of course the pony and calfskins that are combined with beaver, fish, seal or nutria. Browns are particularly favoured in these coats and they are very smart in their straight, slim lines.

Leopard is still an attractive fur for sports occasions and is being trimmed with fish in most of the new models. Beaver, too, is seen in combination with this fur. Newer and very smart for sports wear is ocelot, which fashions a coat of youthful charm and appeal. Straight and slender are the lines that are emphasised in this type of coat.

Grey mole with badger collar and cuffs is also seen among the new models. This may appear for various occasions, while the mole that is dyed in light beige shades is used extensively for sports. Nutria, too, is a sports fur that is much in demand and is much used with a cloth trimming on collar, cuffs, pockets and revers.

Golden seal in two tones may be used for many occasions, but is particularly popular for sports. Also seen for both formal and sports coats is zebra skin that is

fashioned along exotic lines. For sports the straight silhouette is used which features a black fox collar and cuffs. In evening wrap models a cape outline is used and extensive trimming of the fox fur used in border effects. The use of this fur is most extraordinary

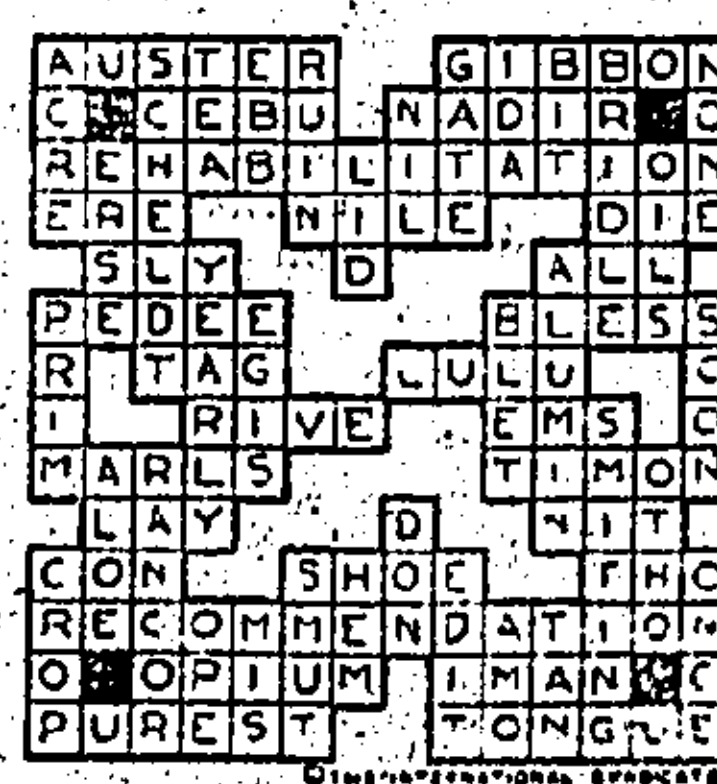
CREPE DE CHINE.

Most Suitable For All Occasions.

Lace and georgette are combined in some of the smartest wear frocks, most popular colourings being beige, sand and neutral. Sometimes dresses are made entirely of lace, and these are usually sleeveless, to be worn with long-sleeved georgette jackets. Figured crepe de chine bid fair to be immensely popular judging by the extensive range of patterns in which this fabric is shown in the shops. The majority of the designs are very small, thus differing greatly from the large floral designs of last season. Crepe de chine, though not a cheap material, is economical in the end. Frocks made of it are suitable for all occasions and therefore are very useful. A full lining is unnecessary, but if the style chosen for making up has a pouch effect a net bodice lining is needed. Figured crepe de chine can be successfully washed and looks fresh and cool always.

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SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



and extremely bizarre in its appeal.

Mink continues popular for both daytime and evening models. The fur is used in diagonal pleatings in many cases and gains an unusual appearance. Straight lines are often seen, but there are also seen models of wide lines that show flares in an interesting way.

Ermine continues the wrap of distinction for evening. In many cases it is used in combination with either sable, mink or marten. The wrap effect is much used, as is also a draped coat with wide cuffs and unusual collar. Scarf effects of chiffon are also combined in stunning ways. Black and white combinations are seen, too, but these are not favoured as much as the brown and white contrasts.

Mole, squirrel, chinchilla, caracul, seal skin, krimmer, beaver, otter and others of the old familiar appeal are still to be found in coats of modern smartness and new lines. Billie Dove, who wears her clothes with feminine chic and an eye to modern appeal, has selected for one of her new fur wraps a smart combination of squirrel and mole skin that is both new and interesting in cut and detail. In her latest First National film, "American Beauty," Miss Dove is seen wearing this coat.

Trimming.

Trimming are undoubtedly fashionable for frocks. Sashes, fringes, bows, panels, cuffs and collars are all freely featured on the smartest models. Embroidered voiles and georgettes that are elaborate and fanciful in themselves, however, need little trimming, but trimming of some description is almost invariably applied to plain and figured fabrics. Sometimes as many as four or five bows are placed on one dress—at the waist, softly finishing a square neckline, or carelessly placed at one side of a collar, etc. Tucks are used plentifully. In fact, one cannot have too many of the pin-tuck variety. A smart model recently seen was of navy crepe de chine, with small tucks running diagonally up the back and front of the bodice from the waist-line. The sleeves were trimmed in the same manner.

INDIAN NEWS.

SPRATT ACQUITTED OF SEDITION.

A FAMOUS LIBRARY.

Calcutta, Nov. 27.
Calcutta has quite a strong contingent of Japanese tennis players and their number now is strengthened by the arrival of K. Asano, a former champion of Singapore, who, it is stated, previously had gained laurels in Hong Kong by defeating Ng Sze-kwong, the Chinese player, who until then had carried all before him in the Colony and who represented China in the Far Eastern Olympiad as well as once playing in the Davis Cup. In Singapore, Asano easily won the championship. He failed, however, to do himself justice in Rangoon, because he was unable to get used to the cement courts. It will be interesting to see how he shapes in Calcutta.

Seaman Hall's Visit.

Another sporting event of interest to boxing circles is the visit of "Nobby" Hall, formerly light-weight champion of Europe, who in Calcutta met Gunboat Jack—who has been undefeated in India in classes ranging from welter to light-heavy—in a 15-round welter-weight contest. Although it was evident that age had reduced Seaman Hall's fighting qualities, his display on this occasion showed clearly what a clever boxer he must have been in his prime and there is little doubt that, had Gunboat Jack met him at that time, a different tale would have been told. As it was, Hall was defeated after a gallant contest, in which Gunboat Jack generally was the aggressor, though, once in a way, Hall assumed the offensive and temporarily raised the hopes of his many supporters. Gunboat Jack's superior vigour, however, was not to be denied and he won on points, though it was no wide margin by which the veteran lost.

Sedition Trial.

An interesting trial just concluded at Bombay has ended in the acquittal of Philip Spratt, who was charged with the authorship of a proscribed pamphlet, entitled "India and China," in which it was alleged, Spratt denounced the Indian Nationalist leaders as useless and urged concentration on the working classes, with a view to endeavouring, with the aid of an army, to do the same thing in India as in China, namely, to throw off foreign domination, this being interpreted by the prosecution as an incitement to the masses to attack the British Government.

Spratt's career is interesting. He graduated at Downing College, Cambridge, as a scholar in 1921, and, leaving College in 1926, has been employed at the Labour Research Department since 1926. He was sent out to India in December last by that group he stated, for the purpose of collecting information about existing labour organisations and conditions, and to explore the possibilities of establishing a

Labour Research Department in India. His defence was that, as a convinced believer in Swaraj for India, he merely desired to discuss conditions in China and India, "to criticise the conduct of Nationalist leaders, to analyse as far as information was available the economic conditions, and point out the feasibility of organising the workers and peasants." There was no intention of attacking British rule, he urged, but only the policy of imperialism followed by the British Government.

Spratt owed his acquittal largely to the brilliant defence put up on his behalf by Mr. F. S. Talyarkhan. When the verdict was announced, there were scenes of the wildest enthusiasm in the crowded court, a demonstration which speedily was suppressed by the Judge, Sir Charles Fawcett. On leaving the court, Spratt was surrounded by his friends and duly garlanded, after the fashion of the country.

Imperial Library.

For a long time past there has been fear in Calcutta that the Government would remove the famous Imperial Library to Delhi, but it is now stated in reliable circles that there is no such intention. This denial has been prompted by the rumour that the change had been definitely settled, but it now appears that confusion had been made in some quarters between the small library belonging to the Imperial Records Department and the Imperial Library. It has been decided by the Government to remove the Imperial Records Department to Delhi and they now are in process of removing some of the records. The later records, from about the year 1800 up to the present time, already are at Delhi. As for the earlier records, owing to some of them being in a dilapidated state, they require sorting and a measure of repairs before they are in a fit state for removal. It will take some years before the removal of the entire department is completed. A portion of the library belonging to the Imperial Records Department also has been removed and the rest of it is in process of removal.

Afghan Aims.

At the present moment there is a strong campaign in the Afghan press, urging the need of educating the public regarding the importance of conscription. The leading Afghan paper, "Ittihad-i-Mashrafi," chiefly is responsible for the campaign. In a recent issue the paper states:—"The entire nation should be given military training and even women should be taught the use of arms in their houses; but, as a whole nation cannot undergo training at once, it has been arranged that every youth should have a couple of years training by turns."

The paper also quotes a Moslem journal of Calcutta, the "Habul-ul-Matin," which indicates that Indian Moslems are watching the Afghan movement for conscription with sympathy. The "Habul-ul-Matin" also declares that the future of Afghanistan requires political alliances with Persia and Turkey, in order to establish a strong force in Central Asia.—N. C. Daily News.

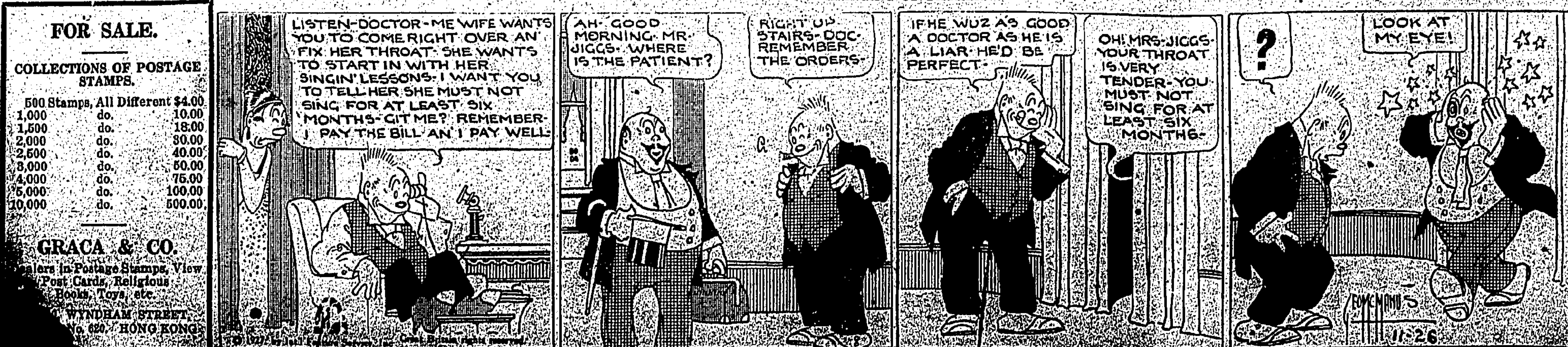
HEM LINES.

Many soft and flimsy materials, such as nylon and chiffon, and some voiles, are made up with uneven hem-lines. Fringe, sash, ends, draped panels, and shaped apron effects are all used to attain this effect. Scallop also are fashionable for fanciful hem-lines; both in serviceable and sheer fabrics. For spotted or figured crepe de chine, fuji silks, etc., a simple and effective hem-line finish is attained by a scalloped edge cut in semi-circles, each about six inches wide, with a flat shaped border of plain material of contrasting colour. An attractive corsege finish for a summer frock of this type is a deep flat-setting collar scalloped to match the hem with the neck-line cut well away from the throat and slightly pointed in front. Banded hems are seen on many frocks, especially plain ones on figured silk foundations. The touch of contrasting colour is repeated on cuffs, neck facing or collar, and sometimes in a little scarf-like tie with a bow at the base of the throat. A bold scalloped hem-line was a distinctive feature in a cleverly constructed frock noticed in a just arrived overseas fashion magazine. The long straight bodice was tucked finely and horizontally, with the exception of the upper part, which being left plain, resembled the fashionable yoke. The hip-line was marked by four great scallops, and two deep flounces of fine sitting fell from it with pronounced scallop effect at the hem-line.

Accessories.

To be considered smartly dressed to-day means that not only the frock has to be considered, but the accessories of the toilette must receive due attention. They play an important part in the tout ensemble and must harmonise with the general effect. For instance a beautifully cut and perfectly finished expensive model frock can be completely spoiled if hat, shoes, stockings or bag are unsuitable. There is the flower that is indispensable to the finish of a dress. The very large ones made of silk or velvet and worn on the shoulder are the most favoured, and sometimes these are seen made of organic muslin with long, thin shaggy petals like a chrysanthemum or cactus dahlia. These are certainly fascinating and look charming. The handbag is an important detail of the well-dressed woman's toilette. When an expensive bag is bought it should be chosen with great care. Lucky woman able to have two or three good bags, may select vivid colourings, such as red, green, and royal blue. But when the bag must be used with various frocks then it is wise to choose navy blue, grey, or one of the mastic tones. These colours blend with almost every shade and prove always useful. Just at present the "bunch" bag is the newest style, but still quite a number of the envelope and pochette variety are to be seen in the shops among newly imported goods. Many bags feature two tones of leather, such as navy and fawn, black and grey, or two tones of beige.

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POOR MR. QUEZON.

FILIPINO SENATE SEES GOTHAM AT WORST.

COMMENT ON CONDITIONS.

[By Jessie Henderson.]

Nothing is more gratifying after three years abroad than to return to one's native land just in time to discover that the United States is the most uncivilized country in the world, and the last place where anyone with carfare to get out of it would choose to live.

American children, one is shocked to learn, are in the worst case of all, and how any New York child in particular contrives to grow up even to the age when it can join a gang and rob a bank is simply a mystery. Since the child welfare committee of America fearlessly spilled the whole truth during that dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in honor of Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippine senate, groups of thoughtful parents are arranging to ship their children off to the Philippines by the next boat.

Senator Quezon Amazed.

Senator Quezon was amazed at the poverty and squalor of the east side. He thanked God that there were no such conditions anywhere in his country, and when informed that there were children in New York who seldom saw the sunlight or breathed clean air, he pretty nearly burst out crying for Philippine conditions "as they used to be."

(Spain used to own'em, you know, and kosh, how contented they were with their daily revolts and what not), and ended with an appeal for Philippine independence.

Besides the squalor of the east side, the rural Filipino family does indeed present an alluring picture. There they are sleeping mosquitoes in front of their palm-thatched igloos, a banana tree bulking with fruit at their elbow, and the whole day before them. Not their any worry about the price of silk stockings or costume jewellery, shoe shines, ice cream cones, hash, spark plugs or anything else except possibly the high cost of quinine.

Unless one of the nosy American health officers is nearby, garbage can be chucked over the shoulder into the jungle or perhaps the children, thriving upon encounters with alligators, machines and the like, grow up to be good tempered, fun-loving ignorantes who so endeared themselves to a mortality statistician to the American soldier, who in 1898 freed them from the yoke of Spain.

In comparison with the carefree Filipino child, the child of the New York slums is in a sad state. If his mother doesn't make him wear enough clothes, the watch and ward or something, swooping down, envelops him free of charge in garments, and if he gets his infant hands on a machete the cop takes it away from him. The only wild animals he ever meets are in the zoo, and what price a bout with a rhino or python when a tyrannous government has placed these pets behind rows of steel bars?

"Spies" Lurk in Slums.

What's more, the slums are full of spies hiding under the names of school authorities, municipal authorities, and what have you? About as soon as the tenement gets comfortably crammed with lodgers and relatives, somebody is pretty nearly sure to bundle two or three of the youngsters off to the children's aid or a place in the country and empty all the coal out of the bath tub. An absolutely "fendish" spirit is displayed by truant officers, who, forcing children out of the cozy home atmosphere, compel them to spend seven or eight hours a day in a school room full of nothing but ventilation, sanitation and education. Moreover, it's got so a fellow doesn't dare look sick or undernourished because free dentists, free adenoid snatchers and free soup descend in a veritable avalanche at the slightest provocation.

If the thing ended merely with the juveniles it would not be quite so bad. But there are dozens and dozens of charitable societies simply lurking round for a chance to infringe on the personal liberty of slum inhabitants. You can't apply for a ton of coal without having a district nurse, a day nursery, or a volunteer mothers' helper thrown in, all of whom make the most extraordinary suggestions about washing babies, cleaning house and cooking meals. Some of these despots have even the impertinence to declare that while the slums are bad they'd be at least 50 per cent better if mother took less interest in the movies and more in the scrubbing brush.

Father, too, has his troubles. He no sooner loses one of those unsympathetic charitable institutions starts hugging him another, and if in righteous anger, he leaves Momma and starts for the Philippines, he finds himself like an outcast in domestic relations court. You probably won't believe it, but plans are on foot right now to compel thousands of east siders to accept free Thanksgiving dinners and there are already dark rumours of impending free Christmas trees. No wonder the Philippines want their independence. No wonder Spanish days were so bad. No wonder they look with pity on the child of the east side. What chance has a kid in the United States anyway?

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RAID ON CHANGSHA.

COMMUNISTS OUT FOR LOOT
FIND PLANS FAIL.
PRELIMINARIES TO WAR.

Shangtan, Hunan, Dec. 15. Word has come that a large band of so-called Communists started out to loot the city of Changsha on the night of December 10. They broke up the railway track some miles from the city and the next train going over that section had three or four cars derailed and many people killed or seriously injured. They attacked the North Gate electric power house and expected to attack the south end plant at the same time, so that the city would be in entire darkness for their foul work. The south plant was not injured and soldiers were able to attack the rioters and disperse them. One policeman was killed. Twenty-three of the leaders have been arrested and seven or eight killed. Most of them were students and workmen.

The political situation seems to be most difficult to understand at present. Rumour is abroad that there is a union of Hunan Generals against two or three of the Kuangsi generals and it is even hinted that the 8th and 36th Armies, both stationed in almost the same territory in Hunan, are on the point of hostilities. Communications between Hankow and Changsha are very poor at present. The trains are only running to Yochow and the bridge beyond has not yet been repaired.

Dr. E. D. Vanderburgh was called back to Shanghai recently by the illness of Mrs. Vanderburgh, and was caught on the river in a small launch just as the retreating Hunan armies were coming in. It took him eleven days to get from Changsha to Hankow and he was in danger of his life most of the time, because of the commandeering of the launches and also because the soldiers fired on all sorts of craft on the river as they were retreating.

The soldiers are occupying the boys and three private residences and the community Guild belonging to the American Presbyterian Mission in this city. Proclamations signed by the commanding officer were placed on the buildings but were absolutely ignored and these already damaged buildings are being further ruined by the soldiers. The electric light equipment of the guild is ruined, the beds and furniture of the school are being taken out and some of the furniture and woodwork of the buildings taken for firewood. The registration of property has gone on throughout the province, the mission property does not have to pay any taxes at present.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Changsha left for Hankow recently, because of the unsettled situation, it being reported that some of his critics think he is too pro-foreign and is helping the foreigners too much, so he became a little nervous over the situation in Hunan.—"N.C. Daily News."

BUTTERFLY STYLES.

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE IN
NEXT 10,000 YEARS.

Styles in butterflies for the summer of 1928—or 10,000 years hence—will show more vivid and lighter colouring and some larger models if J. D. Gunder of Pasadena, national authority on insect evolution, knows his entomological patterns. In connection with this announcement made by Gunder, his research, he believes, has validated the "second half" of the theory of evolution by a definite and provable prediction of future forms of life. Through painstaking study of thousands of butterfly specimens Gunder has become convinced that he now is able to forecast with reasonable certainty the colour and size of the butterflies that will flit about the gardens of our descendants of the far-distant future.

He discovered that if a climate grows colder colours in butterfly wings take on more sombre and less brilliant hues, while the present trend toward warmer temperatures betokens more brilliant shades in coming years. Gunder's predictions, he says, are based on the geological present that the ice age is still waning, that the seasons gradually are warming up.

BRACELETS FOR £2.

WEST END NIGHT CLUB
WAITER SENTENCED.

London, Dec. 8. After spending the evening at a West End night club, Mrs. Arthur Bendish, the racehorse owner, missed a £5,000 bracelet.

She reported her loss to the insurance company, which offered a reward of £400.

A foreigner, unaware of the reward, some days later sought to raise £2 at a pawnbroker's shop on a bracelet, corresponding to the description of Mrs. Bendish's bracelet.

The foreigner was arrested and brought to be an Italian waiter at the night club. He said that he found the bracelet on the floor. He was sentenced at Magistrate's Court to two months' imprisonment in the Second Division.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

COMMONWEALTH REPORT
FEATURES.

HOME INVESTIGATIONS.

The increasing importance of mechanical transport in the development of Australia is insisted upon in the report of the special committee appointed last year by the Commonwealth Government to conduct investigations in England, which consisted of Mr. H. W. Gepp (Chairman, Development and Migration Commission), Brigadier-General T. H. Dodds (general staff representative in London), and Major R. G. Casey (Australian liaison officer at the Foreign Office). Chief among the committee's findings were that there was opportunity for more extended use of six-wheel lorries, and roadless tractors in Australia's hinterland to carry produce to the railways, and supplies to farm and station; and that, in order to encourage the use of such vehicles, so that they might be available for defence in the event of war, the Government should either directly subsidise the purchase of them or assist in the acquisition of them by means of a preferential tariff.

Possible transport requirements which the committee investigated were drought relief (transport of stock and fodder); bush fire fighting, with transport of personnel and apparatus; feeders or connecting lines to railways running on defined routes, and on a scheduled time table, to be regarded as providing an alternative to constructing a permanent railway, or possibly as a fore-runner; exploring, prospecting, surveying cross-country vehicles.

Advantage of Six-Wheelers. Recent tests seemed to support the claim that six-wheeled trucks had many decided advantages over four-wheelers, including lower petrol consumption per ton mile and lower tyre wear. "Six-wheelers," states the report, "because of this superior performance, and ability to traverse bad going, will probably be adopted by the army to take the place of the present four-wheel lorries, and, presumably, this practice would also be followed by the Defence Department in Australia."

Flexible Track Vehicles. Dealing with flexible track vehicles (half and full track), the report states that, as opposed to wheeled vehicles, they possessed the advantages that they would travel over softer, steeper, and more broken ground, were more economical, for loads from five to 25 tons, and did less damage to the road. On the other hand, they were more complicated and expensive, were not so well sprung, and were slower, and less economical for road transport.

The committee is not enthusiastic about narrow gauge railways, which cost from £2,000 to £3,000 a mile to lay, and which necessitated the carriage of large and continuous tonnages to make them pay. If narrow gauge tracks were later replaced by broad, or if the route were abandoned, the cost of the track was largely wasted.

Government Subsidy. In support of their contention that the Government should interest itself in popularising suitable types of vehicles, the committee states:—"The British War Office, desiring to have a reserve of modern transport vehicles available for Army use."

MARY GARDEN.

SINGER REVISITS NEW
YORK.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

Mary Garden thinks a lot of Charles A. Lindbergh, enough to sing for him for nothing, which she doesn't think so much of William Tilden's scholarship. So she said when she arrived on the Aquitania.

Turning impatiently from the subject of nude bathing at midnight and kindred things, she related an incident of the Lindbergh reception in Paris.

"You must know I admire him when I would sing for him 'The Star-Spangled Banner'." Ye gods! "The Star-Spangled Banner" of all songs!

When asked if she knew the words of the national anthem, she replied:—"Of course I don't. I asked Bill Tilden to give me the words and he went so far as to sing 'O, say, can you see, then he t-dah'd the rest. What a scholar he is! I finally had to have the words looked up in a library."

Miss Garden said she had lost 30 pounds since leaving the country using her usual methods of bathing in her "birthday suit at midnight."

One of the first questions Miss Garden asked her interviewers was: "Where is Gene Tunney? That boy is decidedly a bear."

When informed that Tunney was out of town, she declared herself distressed, but not so distressed as she was when he was on the canvas in the seventh round of the Chicago fight.

In case of war, has instituted a system of subsidising the purchasers of a certain standard of lorry. Money is available to provide payment of £40 per annum for the first three years of their life of 1,000 vehicles. These vehicles are inspected twice a year, and, in the case of war, are liable to be called up, but only during the first three years. We recommend for consideration that some similar system of subsidy, or, alternatively, a form of subsidy by means of a preferential tariff, may be adopted in Australia. This may be found both necessary and desirable, in order that a speedy, cheap, and efficient vehicle may be introduced as an aid to development in sparsely settled localities remote from railway facilities, and also in order that encouragement may be given to the commercial user of a vehicle approved by the Defence Department as suitable in time of emergency. It would also lead to the restriction in the manufacture and introduction of types unsuitable for defence purposes.

Developing Dry Country.

"With reference to six-wheeled vehicles, we are of the opinion that such vehicles will have an extended application under Australian conditions. We believe that their use will be accelerated if tests and demonstrations of their capabilities under varying conditions and in different localities where their introduction would be beneficial are carried out, and we suggest that action be taken by the Government in this respect. Such tests might serve to prove the use of these vehicles in railway construction in Central Australia, and for general purposes in the drier parts of the country, as well as feeders to the railways at country railway stations."

THAT USED CAR.

HOW TO PREPARE IT FOR
SALE.

ITS APPEARANCE.

The most important point to be considered in the preparing of a used car for sale is its appearance. First impressions go a long way, and the would-be vendor of such a car will find that he will have a much easier job to convince a prospective buyer of its value than he would if the vehicle were in a dirty and uncared-for condition. So much do first impressions count that it is often worth while to spend a few pounds and have the bodywork painted or varnished. However, should it be decided that it is not necessary to go to the expense of the painting no efforts should be spared towards making the car look as near spotless as possible. Even the engine and underworks should come in for the cleaning process. The floor boards should be taken up and the differential and gear-box should be washed, on the outside, with kerosene and wiped down. The engine should have similar treatment, and if possible a coat of some quick-drying enamel. It is wonderful just what a coat of enamel will do toward increasing the appearance of the engine, and the coat of dirt and grease that accumulates around even a near new engine will probably take pounds off its value in the mind of the "prospect."

The next thing to do is to attend to the mechanical efficiency of the engine and transmission; everything should be made as tight and snug. If the engine can be de-aerated without going to any excessive convenience it is advisable to have this done, and the valves ground in, so that as far as power output and performance go everything will be as it should. In any case the tappets or rocker arms should be adjusted, to make them as silent as is practicable; and a little attention to the plugs and the make-and-break points very often makes for a very smooth performance at slow speeds. The petrol system and the carburettor should have a little attention and be cleaned, so as to avoid any possibility of a premature stop on the road. Adjust the brakes evenly. It is very much easier to do this than to explain to the purchaser that they only need a little adjusting.

Another point that should not be overlooked is the tyre pressure and the adjustments of the shock absorbers (if these are fitted). Tyres should be adjusted so as to give the maximum riding comfort over to the customer. For example, a car that is habitually driven fast in the country, with the shock absorbers tightened and the tyres blown up hard, will offer a very uncomfortable ride on a city. In this case it would be advisable to loosen the absorbers, and leave the tyres a little on the soft side.

Generally speaking, no amount of extras will add much to the price obtained for the car, although it is true that their presence on the dash or elsewhere may influence the purchaser's mind. But if there is, say, a spotlight or some other fitting that can easily be transferred to the seller's next car, it should be removed from the car which is to be sold, for it is simply throwing away money to leave to the purchaser of the old car a host of accessories that can be usefully employed on your next one.

Having cleaned up the car and

A PAIR OF JACKS.

DEMPSEY AND HIS LATE
MANAGER.

STORMY COURT PASSAGES.

Newark, New Jersey. One of a pair of jacks called the other a knave and the ensuing uproar completely obliterated—at least, for the time being—the action for \$26,868 damages brought against Jack Dempsey, the former heavy-weight champion, by Jack Kearns, his erstwhile manager, for alleged breach of contract.

After counsel for Kearns had charged Dempsey and his lawyers with deliberately "framing" the court, and Tex Rickard, the promoter, with having boasted that he had the case "in the bag, both sides agreed to end the trial in a voluntary non-suit—a polite form of mutual carrying no notation of guilt.

Dempsey's lawyers declared that Kearns had unintentionally "got himself up a salt creek without a paddle," and would have a hard time getting back "into the legal stream."

The hearing, though brief, was punctuated by shouts, threats, taunts, tears, and tirades, of several occasions physical conflict being narrowly averted. When counsel made a charge of a mob direct character against Tex Rickard, the latter jumped to his feet and shouted: "You are a contemptible liar!"

Everyone present seemed stunned by the suddenness and gravity of the charges, and Rickard's friend was obliged to pull him down.

The boxing promoter was further enraged by counsel's retort explaining how he came to "his (Rickard's) sinning with these large sums shadow which has been cast by the court room in such a manner that the jury tampering in the Sinclair trial smells like attar of roses."—Reuter.

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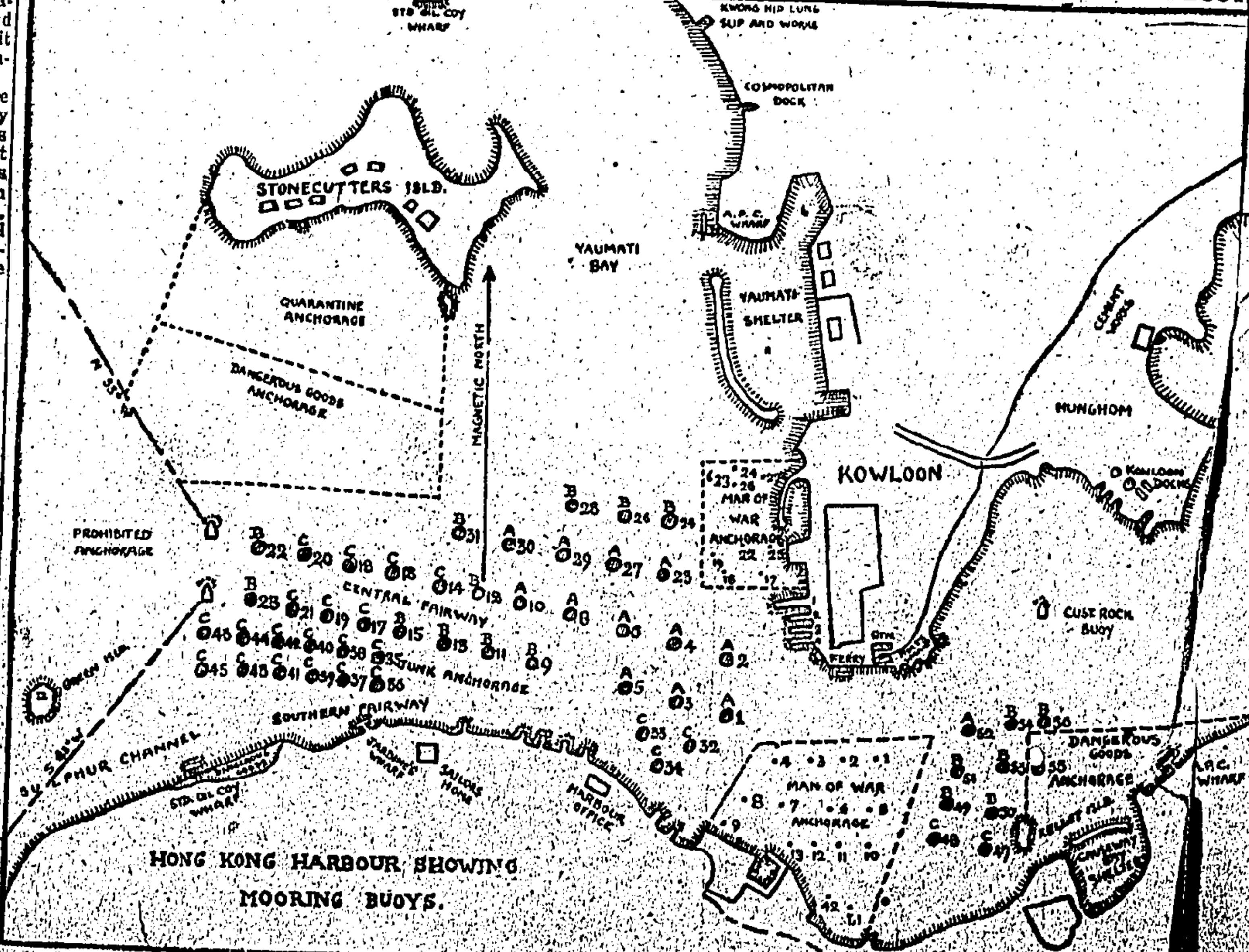
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The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:—

Training.

All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part I will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt, on Thursday, January 5, and Tuesday, January 10. Fall in on each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training School.

The classes for instruction in Part II of training course under Inspector H. J. Paterson at the Police Training School will be resumed on Thursday, January 5, at 5.30 p.m. sharp and will be continued every Tuesday, and Thursday, until further notice.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong section on Thursday, January 5, will start from the Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD,

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Adjutant.

Hong Kong, Jan. 3, 1928.

HANKOW GENERALS.

PETITION FOR EXPULSION OF COMMUNISTS.

Hankow, Dec. 28.

In a joint dispatch to the Nationalist Government yesterday, the Wuhan military leaders including Generals Pei Chung-hsi, Chen Zung-yung, Lu T'ing, Yeh Kai-hsin, Chen Chia-yo, Hu Tsung-ta, Hsia Hwei and Tao Chun petitioned the Government Council asking that the members suspected of communist leanings who have already been placed under surveillance by the Government's order should be expressly expelled from the Party and that a mandate for their arrest be forthwith issued in order to bring them to justice.

The Wuhan generals pointed out in the dispatch that in view of the nine members' numerous crimes of conspiracy and treason against the party and the Government, the measure taken against them by the Government thus far has been decidedly inadequate in reference to their charge; and petitioned therefore that nothing short of their expulsion and arrest would be consistent with the discipline and dignity of the Party and the Government. In conclusion, they expressed strong and vehement disapproval of the nine members' further participation in national affairs, i.e., their attendance in the 4th Plenary Session, for they could not bring themselves to co-operate with the counter-revolutionists.—Kuo Min.

DEFEATED ARMY.

FOREIGN BUILDING OCCUPIED.

COMMUNICATION DISLOCATED.

Changteh, Hunnan, Dec. 5.

On December 1, the city was very seriously stirred by rumours of the defeat of some of the Hunan soldiers who had been fighting north of the city. No one seemed to know exactly who was the enemy, but it is reported that it was Lo T'ing and Yang Sen's soldiers.

The report was that looting might take place and that the 36th Army would leave the city. New soldiers—or, rather, the defeated soldiers of the 36th Army—have been pouring into this city for several days and some of these poor creatures were sent off as soon as they landed, to fight in the North against Yang Sen. Wounded soldiers have been brought to the military hospital here for treatment. The situation seems to be better now, but still is uncertain. News came to-day that Wuhan and Nanjing now are at peace, and it is hoped that this will bring the hostilities in the north to a close.

Another reason for fear was the demand of the 36th Army for \$40,000 at once to equip and feed them. This money was very slow in coming in and the military threatened that, if it was not forthcoming, they would not be responsible for the consequences. The money has been paid and this source of fear has been stopped, at least for the present. It would be hard to imagine a more bedraggled set of men than the 36th Army now occupying Changteh and all the towns between here and Changsha.

The proclamations put out that the army was not to occupy any foreign buildings, such as hospitals, schools, and residences, except where they are not being used, and in no case private residences, has been entirely ignored. Their own officers are not able, where they so desire, to keep them out. The Presbyterian Hospital here, which was so well-equipped a few months ago, is stripped of its equipment and now is being used as a military hospital. Sick and wounded are huddled into the building on straw straw on the floors and those whose condition is not so serious have been occupying the basement of the Church, where a girls school was being run, and which had to leave.

Mr. Rose, of Arnold & Co., a German business man and a Spanish priest are the only foreigners resident here. The attitude of the people is much better than a few months ago, and many are asking when the foreigners are coming back to live. The business of the city has been badly disrupted by lack of communication with Hankow for the past two or three weeks. All launch services also have been stopped by the commandeering of the boats for the transportation of troops. A telegram was received demanding that all the launches resume operations at once, with a promise of protection from Changsha. Some boats are running, but one that arrived to-day reported that it was fired on south of Yuankiang and bandits took away at least two thousand dollars worth of the passengers' belongings, whilst four were killed and one wounded. There were some armed soldiers on the launch, but they did not make a move to help.

The Revs. C. H. Deerr and T. W. Mitchell are making a visit to the city, holding conferences with the Chinese of the Presbyterian Mission. There seems to be a desire on the part of many that the schools should prepare to open and many are anxious that the hospital also should open again. Dr. W. L. Pao is holding a daily clinic in the outpatient department of the Presbyterian Hospital, which so far has not been commandeered by the military.—"N. C. Daily News."

TAX LAW CHANGES.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TREASURY.

LEVY REDUCTION.

While it was being reiterated at the White House that President Coolidge would support the treasury recommendations for tax reduction, the joint congressional tax committee gave its attention to suggested changes in administrative features of the present revenue law.

The White House announcement was somewhat similar to that earlier and it was emphasised again that Mr. Coolidge believed that it would be unwise for congress to attempt a reduction in revenue greater than the limiting figure of \$225,000,000 set by Secretary Mellon.

White House Stresses View.

It also was stressed at the White House that the prospective treasury revenue for future fiscal years alone could be considered in effecting tax reduction, as the source of much current revenue was of a non-recurring nature.

At the capital, Mr. Green said that he hoped it would be possible for congress to obtain more information concerning activities of the American Taxpayers' league before it took action upon the treasury suggestion to repeal the federal inheritance tax.

This organisation came in for considerable discussion during the public tax hearings by the ways, and means committee, and the chairman said that he was convinced that it had been active in attempting to bring pressure upon congress for repeal of the estate levy.

He added that he would support a resolution calling for investigation of the activities of the league, but did not say he would seek to initiate such action.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democrat on the committee, has announced he will seek investigation of charges that a lobby is being maintained in Washington seeking repeal of the tax, but at the time of his statement did not mention the taxpayers' league by name.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—Mr. Kinoshita, the newly appointed Civil Governor of the leased territory of Kwangtung is expected to leave here for his new post on the 31st. He will take a steamer bound for Dairen at Moji on January 2.—Toho.

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AFTER THE THAW.

Collapse of Railway Bridge.

FLOOD DIFFICULTIES.

Many Important Roads Still Impassable.

Rugby, Yesterday. The floods caused by yesterday's rapid thaw and heavy rain continue serious but during the night the temperature became lower and the rain ceased, thus easing the situation. Steady wind has prevented fog.

In London, the most serious flooding occurred in the Harlesden area where 200 houses and several roads were affected.

Many important roads in Southern England are impassable but conditions in the Thames Valley, owing to the preparations of the Thames Conservancy Board, are less serious than had been anticipated.

The water continues to rise at Reading, but the situation is considered well in hand and cold dry weather to-day will assist the water to drain away.—British Wireless Service.

Collapse of a Bridge.

Rugby, Yesterday. From all parts of the country continue to come reports of damage and difficulties caused by the floods.

The most notable happening to-day was the collapse of a bridge of the London and North-Eastern Railway near Edmonton, on the main line from London to Cambridge. The mail train had only just passed. The line has been closed to traffic, causing considerable disorganisation which would have been worse but for the existence of an old loop line which has not been used for many years but to which it was possible to divert traffic for Cambridge.—British Wireless Service.

Snow in America.

New York, Yesterday. Following a mild Christmas the United States is now suffering from a severe cold. Many parts of the Middle West are covered with four to five feet of snow. There is great suffering in the South, where many have perished of cold in their homes.—Reuter's American Service.

FEROCIOUS RAID.

AN ATTACK ON HARMLESS SHEPHERDS.

ALL MALES KILLED.

Bagdad, Yesterday. Throughout the breadth of Iraq there is seething indignation at the atrocities of Faisal-Dawish. Recently he carried out his third ferocious raid in six weeks on an Iraq tribe of harmless shepherds, slaughtering all males including infants and driving off the cattle leaving a miserable remnant of women to die of hunger.

News trickles across the desert too late for effective air force action. All the nomads are panic-stricken, including the great Amizah tribe, who are scattered along the desert route to Syria.

These raids reveal the weakness of the Ibn Sauds regime, which apparently is impotent to control its former supporters, and unless immediate punitive measures are devised, serious political consequences in Iraq are feared.—Reuter.

[A Reuter cable of November 28 stated that Faisal-Dawish had concentrated 5,000 troops on the Iraq frontier, following a dispute over the construction of a police post at Nasiriyah, which Faisal-Dawish's brother attacked on November 14, killing and wounding 5 policemen and 12 labourers. British bombing planes were stated to have been closely watching the frontier.]

Couples who get married at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, are going to miss an unusual but none the less, interested crowd of spectators who have been attending most weddings recently. About 50 couples who are normally engaged among the mass of bamboo scaffolding which has been covering the building always stopped operations and crowded round the door while a wedding was in progress. A start was made to dismantle the scaffolding and soon the interested crowd will no longer attend the wedding.—S.T.

SOVIET GRAFT.

Officials Sentenced To Death.

MERCHANTS IMPRISONED.

Alleged Abuse Of Their Official Posts.

Moscow, Yesterday. Charged with abusing their official posts, M. Poliakov, Commercial Director of the Grain Department of the State Bank, and his assistant, M. Telesnin, have been sentenced to death and their property confiscated.

Nine merchants have been sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment on cognate charges.

It was alleged that M. Poliakov and M. Telesnin communicated secret commercial information to private merchants and sold the latter grain on more favourable terms than to the State Department.—Reuter.

U. S. MARINES.

AGAIN IN ACTION IN NICARAGUA.

Managua, Yesterday.

American reinforcements marching on Quilali came into conflict with the followers of General Sandino, and one marine was killed and five wounded. The rebels fled to the mountains.

A feature of the recent fighting is the accuracy of the rebels' anti-aircraft fire against American aeroplanes.—Reuter's American Service.

More Battalions.

Washington, Yesterday. Two battalions of marines have been ordered to join the Nicaragua punitive expedition against Sandino.—Reuter's American Service.

Air Bombs.

Managua, Yesterday. An aeroplane belonging to the American marines bombed the Sandino rebels. Several direct hits were made and it is believed that numerous casualties were inflicted.—Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER SHARES.

GUTHRIE & CO'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Singapore, Dec. 23.

The end of the year dullness pervades the market, and apart from a few transactions of an adjusting nature, business is practically at a standstill and is likely to remain so until the New Year account opens. Values recovered slowly by fractional advances from the liquidations of a week ago, but not on actual buying strength. The withdrawal of pressure to sell is the saving factor at present.

Malayan exports for the first half of December were heavy at 17,000 tons, and the total export for the month is now expected to be over 30,000 tons. The increase is doubtless accounted for by large shipments from stock.

Deliveries in the London Market reduced stocks by a further 1,250 tons, making the total now on hand 64,761 tons.

Closing Quotations.—Spot 69 1/4, January '70, January-March 71 1/4, April-June 73 1/4, July-September, 75 1928 73 1/4, London is 7 1/4 d. New York 40 1/2 gold.

RUBBER COMBINE.

CONSIDERED ALMOST A NECESSITY.

London, Dec. 23.

Greater interest has been shown in the buying of rubber shares; thus, the tone of the market is much firmer and some prices are marked higher, although the approach of the holidays is noticeable.

During the day the price of the commodity touched 1s. 8d.

In connection with the amalgamation of Amalgamated Rubber and United Serdang, which has been approved by the shareholders of the companies, Mr. Miller expresses the opinion that some such general policy is almost a necessity and that the present time is ripe for it to be carried into effect.

The tin share market has been dull and inactive, this applying to Easterns, although the latter are quite firm. There have been some inquiries for specialities. Southern Tincons are in request, and attempts to purchase shares in Malaya have been unsuccessful. Chinese have improved and Japanese remain firm.—Singapore Free Press.

WAR OUTLAWED.

French Treaty With America.

MODEL PROPOSALS.

Favourable Consideration In Great Britain.

Washington, Yesterday. The French Government is studying the United States memorandum regarding the new Franco-American Arbitration Treaty to replace the Elihu Root Treaty which expires next February.

The suggested preamble of the new treaty will declare a policy against war, while the document itself will provide that all disputes (except domestic or affecting a third Power or arising from the Monroe doctrine) shall be submitted to the Hague Court.

The proposals are regarded model for arbitration Treaties with other nations, including Great Britain where, it is learned in London, they will undoubtedly receive favourable consideration.—Reuter's American Service.

The League Covenant.

Paris, Yesterday. M. Briand's reply to Mr. Kellogg has gratified the latter, who approves of the French suggestion to outlaw war, but, if the Treaty is extended to nations besides France and America, the question will require careful study to ensure that the rights and duties of the nations interested in the League Covenant and in existing Treaties may in no way be prejudiced.—Reuter.

Formal Invitation.

Washington, Yesterday. The State Department has published the text of a formal invitation to France to join the United States in proposing to all the principal world Powers a comprehensive Treaty containing a declaration renouncing war as an instrument of national policy.—Reuter's American Service.

Other Governments.

The invitation was forwarded to Paris on December 28 as a preamble to a draft treaty to replace the Root Arbitration Treaty with France expiring on February 27. A copy of the draft is being sent to the British and Japanese Governments and will eventually be sent to all Governments with whom the United States has a Root Arbitration Treaty.

Briand's Acceptance.

Paris, Yesterday. Regarding the renewal of the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty M. Briand accepts Mr. Kellogg's proposed text but requests that precise information on several points, particularly concerning the position that will arise if the American Senate refused to ratify the arbitration undertaking, and also regarding the scope of reservation, excluding an arbitration dispute in which a third Power is implicated.—Reuter.

PENSIONS' SCHEME.

NEW ACT IN OPERATION AT NEW YEAR.

450,000 AFFECTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The final section of the contributory Pensions Scheme, which was embodied in the 1915 Act, became operative yesterday. Under it 450,000 persons, between the ages of 65 and 70 who have been insured under the National Health Scheme, which covers 15,000,000 weekly wage earners, will be entitled forthwith to a pension of 10s. weekly, irrespective of any other means they may possess. The benefits also apply to wives of insured persons.

Another section of the act which came into operation with the New Year relieves work people over 65 years of age from liability to pay contributions under the Health Insurance Scheme, but employers are still required to pay their share of the contribution in respect of such work people.—British Wireless Service.

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